

S 3183

BOTS Act of 2016

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

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Law: 114-274 (Enacted Dec 14, 2016)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/3183>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]

Party: Republican • State: KS • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 13, 2016
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Jul 13, 2016
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 13, 2016
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Sep 13, 2016
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 19, 2016
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 27, 2016
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Sep 28, 2016
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Nov 15, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 13, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5104	Related bill	Sep 13, 2016: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on September 27, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

### **Better Online Ticket Sales Act of 2016 or the BOTS Act of 2016**

(Sec. 2) This bill prohibits the circumvention of a security measure, access control system, or other technological measure on an Internet website or online service of a ticket issuer that is used to enforce posted event ticket purchasing limits or to maintain the integrity of posted online ticket purchasing order rules for a public event with an attendance capacity exceeding 200 persons.

The bill also prohibits the sale of or offers to sell an event ticket in interstate commerce obtained through such a circumvention violation if the seller participated in, had the ability to control, or should have known about the violation.

It shall not be unlawful, however, to create or use software or systems to: (1) investigate, or further the enforcement or defense of, alleged violations; or (2) identify and analyze flaws and vulnerabilities of security measures to advance the state of knowledge in the field of computer system security or to assist in the development of computer security products.

Violations shall be treated as unfair or deceptive acts or practices under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

The bill provides authority to the Federal Trade Commission and states to enforce against such violations.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 14, 2016:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 14, 2016:** Became Public Law No: 114-274.
- **Dec 12, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H7326-7327)
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Mrs. Blackburn asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H7326-7327)
- **Dec 7, 2016:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H7326-7327)
- **Dec 7, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 5, 2016:** By Senator Thune from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 114-391.
- **Dec 1, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 1, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 1, 2016:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 30, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6626-6627; text as passed Senate: CR S6626-6627)
- **Nov 30, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6626-6627; text as passed Senate: CR S6626-6627)
- **Sep 27, 2016:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Sep 27, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 648.
- **Sep 21, 2016:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 13, 2016:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Senate Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 114-614.
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 13, 2016:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.