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Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Nov 19, 2015
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Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Dec 1, 2015
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Dec 1, 2015
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Dec 2, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Dec 9, 2015
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Dec 9, 2015
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 15, 2015
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Dec 17, 2015
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Jan 20, 2016
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Jun 13, 2016
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 13, 2016
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 15, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 24, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2377	Related bill	Dec 9, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8548-8558)
114 HR 1076	Related bill	Dec 7, 2015: Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Thompson (CA). Petition No: 114-3. (Discharge petition text with signatures.)
114 HR 368	Related bill	Feb 5, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

Summary (as of Feb 24, 2015)

Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2015

Amends the federal criminal code to authorize the Attorney General to deny the transfer of a firearm or the issuance of a firearms or explosives license or permit (or revoke such license or permit) if the Attorney General: (1) determines that the transferee is known (or appropriately suspected) to be engaged in terrorism or has provided material support or resources for terrorism, and (2) has a reasonable belief that the transferee may use a firearm in connection with terrorism. Allows any individual whose firearms or explosives license application has been denied to bring legal action to challenge the denial.

Extends the prohibition against the sale or distribution of firearms or explosives to include individuals whom the Attorney General has determined to be engaged in terrorist activities. Imposes criminal penalties on individuals engaged in terrorist activities who smuggle or knowingly bring firearms into the United States.

Authorizes the Attorney General to withhold information in firearms and explosives license denial revocation lawsuits and from employers if the Attorney General determines that the disclosure of such information would likely compromise national security.

Actions Timeline

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