

## S 551

### Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Feb 24, 2015

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure:

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/551>

#### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (33 total)

| Cosponsor                          | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]    | D · CT        |      | Feb 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]         | D · CA        |      | Feb 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]     | D · IL        |      | Feb 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY] | D · NY        |      | Feb 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]      | D · MA        |      | Feb 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]       | D · NJ        |      | Feb 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]    | D · CT        |      | Feb 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]             | D · RI        |      | Feb 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]    | D · NY        |      | Feb 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]      | D · MA        |      | Feb 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]    | D · RI        |      | Feb 24, 2015 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]         | D · MN        |      | Jul 7, 2015  |
| Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]      | D · MO        |      | Nov 17, 2015 |
| Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]    | I · ME        |      | Nov 18, 2015 |
| Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]         | D · OH        |      | Nov 19, 2015 |
| Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]            | D · MN        |      | Nov 19, 2015 |
| Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]       | D · HI        |      | Nov 19, 2015 |
| Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]             | D · VA        |      | Nov 19, 2015 |
| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]          | D · WA        |      | Nov 19, 2015 |
| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]       | I · VT        |      | Nov 19, 2015 |
| Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]        | D · VA        |      | Nov 19, 2015 |
| Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]   | D · MD        |      | Nov 30, 2015 |
| 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 | <b>Dec 9, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8548-8558)   |
| 114 HR 1076 | Related bill | <b>Dec 7, 2015:</b> Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Thompson (CA). Petition No: 114-3. ( <a href="http://clerk.house.gov/114/lrc/pd/petitions/DisPet0003.xml">http://clerk.house.gov/114/lrc/pd/petitions/DisPet0003.xml</a> )>Discharge petition</a> text with signatures.) |
| 114 HR 368  | Related bill | <b>Feb 5, 2015:</b> 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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