

S 1539

Protecting Domestic Violence and Stalking Victims Act of 2017

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (30 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 12, 2017
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 12, 2017
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 7, 2017
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Nov 7, 2017
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 7, 2017
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 8, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 9, 2017
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 9, 2017
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 9, 2017
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 13, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 15, 2017
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 28, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 5, 2017
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Dec 5, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 26, 2018
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Feb 26, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 26, 2018
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 27, 2018
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 1, 2018
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 1, 2018
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 5, 2018
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 6, 2018
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 21, 2018
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Mar 21, 2018
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 22, 2018
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 22, 2018
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 23, 2018
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 12, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Mar 20, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6545	Related bill	Sep 19, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
115 HR 5410	Related bill	Apr 30, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
115 HR 3207	Related bill	Aug 3, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

Summary (as of Jul 12, 2017)

Protecting Domestic Violence and Stalking Victims Act of 2017

This bill amends the federal criminal code to:

- state that the term "intimate partner" includes a dating partner and any other person subject to a protection order under state domestic or family violence law; and
- expand the term "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence" to include the use or attempted use of physical force, or the threatened use of a deadly weapon, by a current or former intimate partner.

The bill makes it a crime to knowingly sell or dispose of a firearm to a person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of stalking. It also makes it a crime for such convicted stalker to receive or possess a firearm.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 20, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
- **Jul 12, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 12, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.