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Refuge from Cruel Trapping Act

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Oct 4, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 4, 2017
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 4, 2017
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Oct 4, 2017
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 6, 2017
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Aug 21, 2018

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1438	Related bill	Mar 16, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

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This bill amends the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to prohibit the use or possession of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The bill imposes on persons who possess or use such traps in the System: (1) for a first offense, a civil fine of up to \$500 for each body-gripping trap possessed or used; and (2) for subsequent offenses, a civil fine of up to \$1,000 for each body-gripping trap possessed or used, imprisonment for up to 180 days, or both such a civil fine and imprisonment.

The bill makes any body-gripping traps that are possessed or used in violation of this bill, and any wildlife captured by the use of such traps, including the pelts and raw fur, subject to civil forfeiture.

Persons found to be in violation of such prohibition shall pay all associated court costs.

Actions Timeline

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