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### Keep Americans Safe Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

## Cosponsors (29 total)

| Cosponsor                           | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]     | D · CT        |      | Oct 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]         | D · NJ        |      | Oct 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]     | D · MD        |      | Oct 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]       | D · DE        |      | Oct 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]      | D · IL        |      | Oct 5, 2017  |
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| Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]   | D · NH        |      | Oct 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]        | D · HI        |      | Oct 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]              | D · VA        |      | Oct 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]       | D · MA        |      | Oct 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]           | D · WA        |      | Oct 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]              | D · RI        |      | Oct 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]        | I · VT        |      | Oct 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]       | D · MD        |      | Oct 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]       | D · MA        |      | Oct 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]     | D · RI        |      | Oct 5, 2017  |
| Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]   | D · DE        |      | Oct 19, 2017 |
| Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]     | D · CT        |      | Nov 27, 2017 |
| Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]     | I · ME        |      | Dec 6, 2017  |
| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]       | D · CA        |      | Feb 26, 2018 |
| Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]            | D · FL        |      | Feb 26, 2018 |
| Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]             | D · MN        |      | Feb 26, 2018 |
| Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]              | D · NM        |      | Feb 27, 2018 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]           | D · OR        |      | Mar 5, 2018  |
| Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV] | D · NV        |      | Mar 12, 2018 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]          | D · MN        |      | Apr 9, 2018  |
| Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]        | D · IL        |      | Apr 10, 2018 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date        |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Oct 5, 2017 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action  |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 115 HR 6297 | Related bill | Aug 6, 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 5077 | Related bill | Mar 20, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. |
| 115 HR 5087 | Related bill | Mar 20, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. |
| 115 S 2095  | Related bill | Mar 14, 2018: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.   |
| 115 HR 4052 | Related bill | Oct 19, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. |

## Summary (as of Oct 5, 2017)

### Keep Americans Safe Act

This bill amends the federal criminal code to make it a crime to knowingly import, sell, manufacture, transfer, or possess a large capacity ammunition feeding device (LCAF).

The bill does not prohibit, with respect to an LCAF:

- importation, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession related to certain law enforcement efforts, or authorized tests or experiments;
- importation, sale, transfer, or possession related to securing nuclear materials; and
- possession by a retired law enforcement officer.

The bill permits continued possession of, but prohibits sale or transfer of, a grandfathered LCAF.

Newly manufactured LCAs must display serial number identification and the date of manufacture.

The bill also amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to allow a state or local government to use Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funds to compensate individuals who surrender an LCAF under a buy-back program.

### Actions Timeline

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