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Keep Americans Safe Act

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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 (LCAFD).

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

- 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 LCAFD.

Newly manufactured LCAFDs 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 LCAFD under a buy-back program.

Actions Timeline

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