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Background Check Expansion Act

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Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Oct 25, 2017
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 25, 2017
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Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 25, 2017
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 25, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Oct 25, 2017
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 25, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 25, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Oct 31, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Nov 13, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 8, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 28, 2018
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Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 27, 2018
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 27, 2018
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 28, 2018
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 28, 2018
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 19, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 25, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 25, 2017)

Background Check Expansion Act

This bill establishes new background check requirements for firearm transfers between private parties (i.e., unlicensed individuals).

Specifically, it prohibits a firearm transfer between private parties unless a licensed gun dealer, manufacturer, or importer first takes possession of the firearm to conduct a background check.

The prohibition does not apply to certain firearm transfers, such as a gift between spouses in good faith.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 25, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
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