

S 2141

Military Justice Improvement Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Nov 27, 2017
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		Dec 5, 2017
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 4, 2018
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jun 28, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 16, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Military Justice Improvement Act of 2017

This bill amends the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) to grant independent military prosecutors the authority to decide whether to convene courts-martial for sexual assault cases and other serious crimes punishable by confinement of more than one year (currently, this authority lies within the chain of command). The bill allows the chain of command to retain authority to decide whether to prosecute serious crimes uniquely military in nature and all crimes punishable by less than one year of confinement.

Actions Timeline

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