

S 2525

First Amendment Defense Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]

Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (22 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Mar 8, 2018
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 13, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 8, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 8, 2018)

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This bill prohibits the federal government from taking discriminatory action against a person on the basis that such person speaks or acts in accordance with a religious belief or moral conviction that: (1) marriage is or should be recognized as the union of one man and one woman or two individuals as recognized under federal law, or (2) sexual relations outside marriage are improper.

The bill defines "person" as any person regardless of religious affiliation, except publicly traded for-profit entities; federal employees acting within the scope of their employment; federal for-profit contractors acting within the scope of their contract; or hospitals and other health care entities with respect to visitation, recognition of a designated representative for health care decisions, or refusal to provide medical treatment necessary to cure an illness or injury.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 8, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
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