

S 2946

Anti-Terrorism Clarification Act of 2018

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Law: 115-253 (Enacted Oct 3, 2018)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2946>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

Party: Republican • State: IA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 24, 2018
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		May 24, 2018
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		May 24, 2018
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		May 24, 2018
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		May 24, 2018
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		May 24, 2018
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		May 24, 2018
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 24, 2018
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Jul 11, 2018
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 12, 2018
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jul 25, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 12, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5954	Identical bill	Jul 24, 2018: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 527.

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the federal criminal code to make three changes to provisions governing civil claims for damages resulting from an act of international terrorism.

First, the bill narrows the limitation on such claims that occur during an act of war. Current law bars claims for international terrorism that occur during an armed conflict between military forces. This bill specifies that designated foreign terrorist organizations and specially designated global terrorists are not military forces.

Second, the bill makes available any asset of a terrorist party seized or frozen under the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act for the satisfaction of court-awarded judgments against the terrorist party.

Third, it allows federal courts to exercise personal jurisdiction over a foreign non-state defendant that accepts benefits from the United States (e.g., foreign assistance).

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 3, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 3, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-253.
- **Sep 24, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 13, 2018:** Mr. Goodlatte asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.
- **Sep 13, 2018:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H8245)
- **Sep 13, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H8245)
- **Sep 13, 2018:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H8245)
- **Sep 13, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 24, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Aug 24, 2018:** Held at the desk.
- **Aug 23, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Aug 22, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S5864-5865; text: CR S5864-5865)
- **Aug 22, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S5864-5865; text: CR S5864-5865)
- **Jul 12, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jul 12, 2018:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Grassley with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jul 12, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 514.
- **May 24, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 24, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2926-2927)