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Pet and Women Safety Act of 2017

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Sponsor

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Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 29, 2017
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 29, 2017
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 6, 2017
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 24, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 27, 2017
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Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 23, 2017
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 24, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 19, 2017
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Jul 10, 2017
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Aug 2, 2017
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 7, 2017
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 14, 2017
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 14, 2017
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 19, 2017
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 3, 2017
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Oct 5, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Oct 5, 2017
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 16, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Oct 23, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 23, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 24, 2017
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Oct 30, 2017
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 2, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Nov 15, 2017
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Nov 27, 2017
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Nov 30, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Dec 12, 2017
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 3, 2018
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jan 24, 2018
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Aug 1, 2018
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 25, 2018
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Oct 1, 2018
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 10, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 7, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2	Related bill	Dec 20, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-334.
115 HR 909	Identical bill	Mar 9, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

Summary (as of Feb 7, 2017)

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This bill amends the federal criminal code to broaden the definition of stalking to include conduct that causes a person to experience a reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury to his or her pet.

Additionally, an interstate violation of a protection order includes interstate travel with the intent to violate a protection order against a pet that is included within the scope of the protection order. The bill specifies the applicable criminal penalty—a prison term of up to five years, a fine, or both—for a person who commits an interstate violation of a protection order against a pet.

With respect to a defendant who commits a domestic violence offense or an interstate violation of a protection order, mandatory restitution in the "full amount of victim's losses" includes costs incurred for veterinary services related to the pet.

The bill directs the Department of Agriculture to award grants for shelter and housing assistance and support services for domestic violence victims with pets.

Finally, it expresses the sense of Congress that states should include, in domestic violence protection orders, protections against violence or threats against a person's pet.

Actions Timeline

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