

HR 3342

Sanctioning the Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]

Party: Republican • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (26 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Roskam, Peter J. [R-IL-6]	R · IL		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jul 20, 2017
Rep. Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Sep 5, 2017
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Sep 5, 2017
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Sep 5, 2017
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Sep 5, 2017
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Sep 25, 2017
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Sep 27, 2017
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Sep 28, 2017
Rep. DeSantis, Ron [R-FL-6]	R · FL		Sep 28, 2017
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Sep 28, 2017
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Sep 28, 2017
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Oct 24, 2017
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Oct 24, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 24, 2017
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Oct 12, 2018
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged From	Oct 24, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3257	Related bill	Oct 3, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 618.

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(Sec. 2) This bill states that it shall be U.S. policy to condemn the use of innocent civilians as human shields.

(Sec. 3) The President shall submit to Congress within one year, and annually thereafter, a list of:

- each foreign person that is a member of Hizballah or Hamas or is knowingly acting on behalf of Hizballah or Hamas and knowingly directs the use of civilians protected by the law of war to shield military objectives from attack, and
- each foreign person or agency or instrumentality of a foreign state that knowingly and materially directs or supports any such act.

The President shall impose U.S.-based property-blocking and visa sanctions, including revocation of existing visas, against a listed person, entity, or instrumentality.

The President is urged to submit to Congress within one year, and annually thereafter, a list of each foreign person or entity that knowingly directs the use of civilians protected by the law of war to shield military objectives from attack, excluding those foreign persons included in the most recent mandatory sanctions list.

(Sec. 5) This bill shall cease to be effective on December 31, 2023.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 21, 2018:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-348.
- **Dec 13, 2018:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Mr. Royce (CA) asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's Table and agree to the Senate amendments. (consideration: CR H10078-10079)
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to without objection.(text: CR H10078-10079)
- **Dec 11, 2018:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendments Agreed to without objection. (text: CR H10078-10079)
- **Dec 11, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 12, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 11, 2018:** Senate Committee on Foreign Relations discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 11, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6881)
- **Oct 11, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Oct 26, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8178-8183)
- **Oct 25, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3342.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8178-8179)
- **Oct 25, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8178-8179)
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Foreign Affairs. H. Rept. 115-367, Part I.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **Oct 24, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 269.
- **Sep 28, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 28, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 20, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 20, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.