

## S 3688

Closing the Law Enforcement Consent Loophole Act of 2018

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 29, 2018
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 6, 2018
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 12, 2018
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Dec 12, 2018
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Dec 20, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 29, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6568	Related bill	<b>Oct 1, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

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This bill amends the federal criminal code to make it unlawful for a federal law enforcement officer to engage in a sexual act with an individual who is under arrest, in detention, or in custody.

Consent is not a defense to prosecution for unlawful conduct. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to 15 years, or both.

Additionally, the bill authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants to states that have in effect similar laws. Grants must be used for the same purposes as formula grants under the STOP Violence Against Women Program and the Sexual Assault Services Program.

### **Actions Timeline**

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