

S 3743

DEFEND Act

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Dec 12, 2018

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Dec 12, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Referred To | Dec 12, 2018 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 12, 2018)

Deterring Espionage by Foreign Entities through National Defense Act of 2018 or the DEFEND Act

This bill makes changes to provisions governing federal civil claims for trade secret misappropriation.

Specifically, it does the following:

- increases punitive damages for a victim,
- extends the statute of limitations for filing a claim, and
- allows claims for conduct that occurs outside the United States if the offense causes substantial economic harm in the United States.

Actions Timeline

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