

## HR 4344

End Purchase of Firearms by Dangerous Individuals Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Nov 9, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. (Dec 13, 2017)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Nov 9, 2017
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Nov 9, 2017
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Nov 9, 2017
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 27, 2018
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Mar 15, 2018
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		May 15, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 10, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 13, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **End Purchase of Firearms by Dangerous Individuals Act of 2017**

This bill requires each state to:

- establish a reporting system through which mental health professionals may report information about an individual committed to a mental institution who poses a danger or an individual who communicates a serious threat of violence,
- provide mental health records to the National Instant Criminal History Background Check System for use in determining whether a person is disqualified from possessing or receiving a firearm, and
- establish a process related to the temporary involuntary commitment of individuals at mental health facilities.

Beginning 10 years after enactment, the Department of Justice must reduce by 5% funds under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for a state that fails to comply with requirements.

The bill amends the federal criminal code to expand the categories of prohibited persons (i.e., persons barred from receiving or possessing a firearm) to include persons who communicate a serious threat of violence to a mental health professional.

Finally, it replaces various statutory references to persons adjudicated as a "mental defective" with persons adjudicated as "ineligible due to disqualifying mental status."

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 13, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Nov 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.