

S 654

PACT Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Dec 15, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]

Party: Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (36 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 15, 2017
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 15, 2017
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 15, 2017
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 9, 2017
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		May 10, 2017
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 11, 2017
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 22, 2017
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		May 22, 2017
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 25, 2017
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		May 25, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 6, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 12, 2017
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Jun 26, 2017
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 27, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 27, 2017
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 10, 2017
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 10, 2017
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 25, 2017
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Aug 3, 2017
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 25, 2017
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Oct 5, 2017
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Oct 5, 2017
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 17, 2017
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 19, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Oct 23, 2017
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 24, 2017
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Oct 30, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Nov 2, 2017
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 6, 2017
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2017
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Nov 30, 2017
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Dec 1, 2017
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Dec 1, 2017
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Dec 12, 2017
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Dec 18, 2017
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Dec 19, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 14, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 15, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1494	Identical bill	Mar 21, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

Summary (as of Dec 14, 2017)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act or the PACT Act

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the federal criminal code to revise and expand provisions with respect to animal crushing.

It retains existing criminal offenses that prohibit knowingly creating or distributing an animal crush video using interstate commerce. The bill also adds a new provision to criminalize an intentional act of animal crushing. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to seven years, or both.

It provides additional exceptions for conduct, or a video of conduct, including conduct that is: (1) medical or scientific research, (2) necessary to protect the life or property of a person, (3) performed as part of euthanizing an animal, or (4) unintentional.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 15, 2017:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 15, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Dec 14, 2017:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8049)
- **Dec 14, 2017:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S8049)
- **Dec 14, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S8049)
- **Dec 14, 2017:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S8049)
- **Dec 14, 2017:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 15, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 15, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.