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Protecting Communities and Preserving the Second Amendment Act of 2019

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 16, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2443	Related bill	May 20, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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This bill reauthorizes a grant program, requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to take specified actions, creates new criminal offenses, and makes several other changes related to the sale, transfer, and possession of firearms.

Among other things, the bill

- modifies and reauthorizes grants under the NICS (National Instant Criminal Background Check System) Improvement Amendments Act of 2007,
- requires DOJ to establish the Nationwide Project Exile Expansion Program to prosecute violations of federal firearms laws,
- establishes a task force within DOJ to investigate and prosecute cases of convicted felons and fugitives from justice who illegally attempt to purchase a firearm,
- removes certain restrictions on interstate firearms transactions, and
- creates stand-alone criminal offenses for trafficking in firearms and straw purchasing of firearms.

Actions Timeline

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