

## S 1779

Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Law

**Introduced:** Jun 11, 2019

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

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jun 11, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/1779>

### Sponsor

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

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

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| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]    | I · VT        |      | Jun 11, 2019 |
| Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]   | D · DE        |      | Jun 20, 2019 |
| Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]          | D · VA        |      | Jun 20, 2019 |
| Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]   | D · MD        |      | Oct 19, 2020 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee           | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jun 11, 2019 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Law

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action   |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 116 HR 5717 | Related bill | <b>Mar 10, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. |
| 116 HR 3214 | Related bill | <b>Jun 28, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. |

## Summary (as of Jun 11, 2019)

### Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act

This bill removes limitations on the civil liability of gun manufacturers.

Specifically, the bill repeals the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which prohibits civil actions against a firearm or ammunition manufacturer, seller, importer, dealer, or trade association for damages resulting from the criminal or unlawful misuse of a firearm.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jun 11, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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