

S 1779

Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act

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

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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

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Related Bills

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

Summary (as of Jun 11, 2019)

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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

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