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SHUSH Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jan 24, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 24, 2019
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jan 24, 2019
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 24, 2019
Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]	R · KY		Jan 24, 2019
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jan 24, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 24, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 9064	Related bill	Dec 31, 2020: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Education and Labor, Natural Resources, House Administration, Rules, Appropriations, Agriculture, Oversight and Reform, Veterans' Affairs, and Foreign Affairs, 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.
116 S 817	Related bill	Mar 14, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 775	Related bill	Mar 5, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 HR 155	Related bill	Jan 3, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Jan 24, 2019)

Silencers Help Us Save Hearing Act or the SHUSH Act

This bill modifies the treatment of silencers under federal statutes governing the sale, transfer, and possession of firearms.

Specifically, it removes silencers from the list of firearms subject to regulation (i.e., registration and licensing requirements) under the National Firearms Act (NFA). Additionally, it excludes a muffler or silencer from the list of firearms subject to regulation (e.g., background check requirements) under the Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA).

Finally, the bill does the following:

- preempts state or local laws that tax or regulate firearm silencers,
- specifies that a person who lawfully acquires or possesses a silencer under provisions of the GCA meets the registration and licensing requirements of the NFA,
- eliminates mandatory minimum prison terms for a crime of violence or drug trafficking offense in which a defendant uses or carries a firearm equipped with a silencer or muffler, and
- permits active and retired law enforcement officers to carry a concealed silencer.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 24, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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