

S 2561

Big Cat Public Safety Act

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

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Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 26, 2019
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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 26, 2019
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Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Oct 29, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Nov 20, 2019
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Dec 4, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 10, 2019
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Jan 6, 2020
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Feb 4, 2020
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 5, 2020
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		May 4, 2020
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		May 4, 2020
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Aug 12, 2020
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Sep 8, 2020
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 8, 2020
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Sep 8, 2020
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 21, 2020
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 21, 2020
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 24, 2020
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 29, 2020
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 29, 2020
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 29, 2020
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 29, 2020
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Oct 19, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 19, 2020
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Oct 20, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 10, 2020
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 30, 2020
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Dec 2, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 11, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Dec 14, 2020
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Dec 16, 2020
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Dec 18, 2020
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 1, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 26, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1380	Related bill	Dec 7, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Summary (as of Sep 26, 2019)

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This bill revises requirements governing the trade of big cats (i.e., species of lion, tiger, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, or cougar or any hybrid of such species). Specifically, it revises restrictions on the possession and exhibition of big cats, including to restrict direct contact between the public and big cats.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 26, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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