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Background Check Expansion Act

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Sponsor

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Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jan 8, 2019
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Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jan 8, 2019
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Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 8, 2019
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Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 8, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jan 8, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 8, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4271	Related bill	Jul 22, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 6318	Related bill	Mar 23, 2020: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, Financial Services, Ways and Means, Small Business, Oversight and Reform, Agriculture, Rules, and Energy and Commerce, 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 HR 5717	Related bill	Mar 10, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 S 3254	Related bill	Feb 5, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 S 1924	Related bill	Jun 20, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 1705	Related bill	Apr 12, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 HR 8	Related bill	Mar 4, 2019: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 29.

Summary (as of Jan 8, 2019)

Background Check Expansion Act

This bill establishes new background check requirements for firearm transfers between private parties (i.e., unlicensed individuals).

Specifically, it prohibits a firearm transfer between private parties unless a licensed gun dealer, manufacturer, or importer first takes possession of the firearm to conduct a background check.

The prohibition does not apply to certain firearm transfers, such as a gift between spouses in good faith.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 8, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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