

S 4212

Civil Justice for Victims of COVID Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Law

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Current Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 504.

Latest Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 504. (Jul 30, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 20, 2020
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Jul 20, 2020
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Jul 20, 2020
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jul 20, 2020
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Jul 20, 2020
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jul 20, 2020
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jul 20, 2020
Sen. Loeffler, Kelly [R-GA]	R · GA		Oct 20, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 30, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7818	Identical bill	Jul 29, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 S 3674	Related bill	May 11, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 S 3588	Related bill	May 4, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Civil Justice for Victims of China-Originated Viral Infections Diseases Act or the Civil Justice for Victims of COVID Act

This bill allows a foreign government to be sued in U.S. district court regarding that government's actions related to the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) outbreak.

A foreign government shall not have sovereign immunity against a lawsuit in the United States seeking money damages for physical or economic injury occurring in the United States following any reckless action or omission of that foreign government (or any official or agent of that government) that caused or substantially contributed to the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States.

If the United States is in discussions with a foreign state seeking to resolve claims related to COVID-19 against that foreign state, a court may stay a pending case brought under this bill against that foreign state.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2020:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Graham without amendment. Without written report.
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 504.
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 20, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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