

## S 4220

Preventing Authoritarian Policing Tactics on America's Streets Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 23, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 20, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">116 HR 7719</a>	Identical bill	<b>Jul 22, 2020:</b> Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.
<a href="#">116 HR 7153</a>	Related bill	<b>Jun 11, 2020:</b> Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.
<a href="#">116 S 3909</a>	Related bill	<b>Jun 8, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Jul 20, 2020)

### Preventing Authoritarian Policing Tactics on America's Streets Act

This bill imposes limitations on federal law enforcement officers and members of the Armed Forces (or the National Guard) engaging in law enforcement activities related to crowd control.

When engaged in certain law enforcement activities related to crowd control, such an officer or member (1) shall clearly display certain identifying information, such as the individual's last name or unique identifier; and (2) shall not use an unmarked vehicle to apprehend or arrest civilians.

Such an officer or member may only engage in certain law enforcement activities, such as crowd or riot control and arrest of individuals engaged in civil disobedience, on or in the immediate vicinity of federal property, unless (1) a state or local government has requested federal support, or (2) the President has invoked certain authorities to suppress insurrection.

If such an officer or member is conducting a law enforcement function in violation of the limitations in this bill, the officer or member may not arrest an individual in the United States.

If such an officer or member is deployed to respond to any riot, public disturbance, or crowd control incident, the responsible federal agency or branch of the Armed Forces shall, within 24 hours of the deployment, notify the public and provide certain information on its website.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jul 20, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
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