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Keep Americans Safe Act

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Sponsor

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Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 12, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 12, 2019
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Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 12, 2019
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Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 12, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 12, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 26, 2019
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 9, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 12, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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 HR 1186	Identical bill	Sep 10, 2019: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 16.
116 HR 1296	Related bill	Feb 15, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
116 S 66	Related bill	Jan 9, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S103-104)
116 HR 282	Related bill	Jan 8, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Summary (as of Feb 12, 2019)

Keep Americans Safe Act

This bill establishes a new criminal offense for the import, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of a large capacity ammunition feeding device (LCAF).

The bill does not prohibit certain conduct with respect to an LCAF, including the following:

- importation, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession related to certain law enforcement efforts, or authorized tests or experiments;
- importation, sale, transfer, or possession related to securing nuclear materials; and
- possession by a retired law enforcement officer.

The bill permits continued possession of, but prohibits sale or transfer of, a grandfathered LCAF.

Newly manufactured LCAs must display serial number identification and the date of manufacture.

Additionally, the bill allows a state or local government to use Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funds to compensate individuals who surrender an LCAF under a buy-back program.

Actions Timeline

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