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PACT Act

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Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 6, 2019
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Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 7, 2019
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Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 16, 2019
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 29, 2019
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Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Dec 3, 2019
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 13, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 724	Identical bill	Nov 25, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-72.

Summary (as of Feb 13, 2019)

Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act or the PACT Act

This bill revises and expands criminal provisions with respect to animal crushing.

It retains existing criminal offenses that prohibit knowingly creating or distributing an animal crush video using interstate commerce. The bill also adds a new provision to criminalize an intentional act of animal crushing. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to seven years, or both.

It provides additional exceptions for conduct, or a video of conduct, including conduct that is (1) medical or scientific research, (2) necessary to protect the life or property of a person, (3) performed as part of euthanizing an animal, or (4) unintentional.

Actions Timeline

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