

## S 513

HEART Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Feb 14, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 25, 2019
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		May 2, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		May 21, 2019
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 3, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 14, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1228	Related bill	<b>Mar 25, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

## **Help Extract Animals from Red Tape Act of 2019 or the HEART Act of 2019**

This bill modifies notice requirements in a civil forfeiture proceeding that involves the seizure of an animal involved in animal fighting.

Specifically, the government must notify interested parties of an animal's seizure within 30 days (currently, 60 days). The notice period may be extended only if a delay is warranted after considering certain factors, including the cost to the government of providing shelter for the animal, the health of the animal and the effect of a delay on its rehabilitation, and any increased risk that a delay could necessitate the euthanasia of the animal.

Additionally, the bill authorizes amounts in the Department of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund to be used to pay for costs associated with a seized animal, including transportation, shelter, care, veterinary services, and humane euthanasia.

## **Actions Timeline**

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