

S 744

Effective Prosecution of Possession of Biological Toxins and Agents Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Mar 12, 2019

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 116-31.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 116-31. (Jul 25, 2019)

Law: 116-31 (Enacted Jul 25, 2019)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/744>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 12, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 12, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	May 16, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1986	Identical bill	Jul 9, 2019: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 104.

Summary (as of Jul 25, 2019)

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This bill revises the criminal prohibition on the shipment, transport, possession, or receipt of a biological agent or toxin by a restricted person. Specifically, it updates references to the lists of agents and toxins covered by the prohibition.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 25, 2019:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Became Public Law No: 116-31.
- **Jul 15, 2019:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 10, 2019:** Ms. Bass moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 10, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5331-5332)
- **Jul 10, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 744.
- **Jul 10, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5331)
- **Jul 10, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5331)
- **Jul 10, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 31, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **May 20, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 20, 2019:** Received in the House.
- **May 20, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 16, 2019:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S2929)
- **May 16, 2019:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S2929)
- **May 16, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S2929)
- **May 16, 2019:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S2929)
- **Mar 12, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 12, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.