

S 1137

Gay and Trans Panic Defense Prohibition Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Apr 15, 2021

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Apr 15, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]

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

Cosponsors (14 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI] | D · WI | | Apr 15, 2021 |
| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT] | D · CT | | Apr 15, 2021 |
| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ] | D · NJ | | Apr 15, 2021 |
| Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI] | D · HI | | Apr 15, 2021 |
| Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA] | D · VA | | Apr 15, 2021 |
| Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME] | I · ME | | Apr 15, 2021 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | Apr 15, 2021 |
| Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ] | D · NJ | | Apr 15, 2021 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR] | D · OR | | Apr 15, 2021 |
| Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA] | D · CA | | Apr 15, 2021 |
| Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV] | D · NV | | Apr 15, 2021 |
| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT] | I · VT | | Apr 15, 2021 |
| Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN] | D · MN | | Apr 15, 2021 |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA] | D · MA | | Sep 6, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | Senate | Referred To | Apr 15, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HR 2629 | Identical bill | Oct 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. |

Summary (as of Apr 15, 2021)

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This bill generally prohibits a federal criminal defendant from asserting, as a defense, that the nonviolent sexual advance of an individual or a perception or belief of the gender, gender identify or expression, or sexual orientation of an individual excuses or justifies conduct or mitigates the severity of an offense.

Actions Timeline

- Apr 15, 2021: Introduced in Senate
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