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Gay and Trans Panic Defense Prohibition Act of 2021

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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. (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
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
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 15, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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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