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A bill to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces.

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jan 3, 2021

Current Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 3.

Latest Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 3. (Jan 21, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jan 21, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 11	Related bill	Mar 6, 2021: Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate.
117 HR 335	Identical bill	Jan 22, 2021: Became Public Law No: 117-1.

Summary (as of Jan 21, 2021)

This bill allows the first person nominated and appointed as Secretary of Defense after 12 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on January 20, 2021, to be a person who is, on the date of appointment, at least four years after relief from active duty as a commissioned officer of a regular component of the Armed Forces. Under current law, an individual may not be appointed as Secretary of Defense within seven years after relief from such active duty.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 21, 2021:** Committee on Armed Services. Reported by Senator Inhofe without amendment. Without written report.
- **Jan 21, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 3.
- **Jan 3, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 3, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.