

S 1579

Preventing the Misuse of Tear Gas Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 12, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 12, 2021)

Preventing the Misuse of Tear Gas Act

This bill establishes a framework to limit the use of riot control agents (e.g., tear gas) by federal, state, and local law enforcement officers.

Specifically, it requires federal law enforcement agencies to maintain policies that (1) permit their use only to stop violent activities, and (2) minimize the impact of their use on those not participating in the violent activity. State and local law enforcement agencies must maintain similar policies and procedures as a condition of receiving funds under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program and the Community Oriented Policing Services program.

Actions Timeline

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