

## HR 1690

Defending our Defenders Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (May 18, 2021)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 18, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 619	Identical bill	Mar 9, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Defending Our Defenders Act

This bill establishes federal criminal offenses involving the murder of federal, state, or local law enforcement officers. Violators are subject to life in prison or death.

The bill sets forth aggravating factors (e.g., intent to ambush or prior history of promoting violence against a law enforcement officer) to be considered in determining whether to impose the death penalty.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.