

S 1828

HAVANA Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Law: 117-46 (Enacted Oct 8, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]

Party: Republican • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		May 25, 2021
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		May 25, 2021
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		May 25, 2021
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		May 25, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 25, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		May 25, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		May 25, 2021
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		May 25, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 25, 2021
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		May 25, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 26, 2021
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		May 26, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 26, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		May 26, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 26, 2021
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		May 26, 2021
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		May 26, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		May 27, 2021
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		May 27, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jun 7, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3356	Related bill	May 19, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
117 S 1714	Related bill	May 19, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2784)

Summary (as of Oct 8, 2021)

Helping American Victims Afflicted by Neurological Attacks Act of 2021 or the HAVANA Act of 2021

This bill specifically authorizes the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of State, and other agencies to provide payments to agency personnel who incur brain injuries from hostilities while on assignment.

Specifically, the bill allows agency personnel and their families to receive payments for brain injuries that are incurred (1) during a period of assignment to a foreign or domestic duty station; (2) in connection with war, insurgency, hostile acts, terrorist activity, or other agency-designated incidents; and (3) not as the result of willful misconduct.

The bill's authority applies to injuries incurred before, on, or after the date of the bill's enactment. Agencies must submit classified reports on the bill's implementation, including the number of payments made and the amount of each payment.

Since 2016, some intelligence, diplomatic, and other governmental personnel have reported experiencing unusual cognitive and neurological impairments while on assignment (particularly abroad), the source of which is currently under investigation. Symptoms were first reported by personnel stationed in Cuba and have since been collectively referred to as *Havana Syndrome*.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 8, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 8, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 117-46.
- **Sep 27, 2021:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 21, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4576-4577)
- **Sep 21, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 427 - 0 (Roll no. 265). (text: 07/26/2021 CR H3854-3855)
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- **Sep 21, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 26, 2021:** Mr. Castro (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 26, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3854-3857)
- **Jul 26, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1828.
- **Jul 26, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jun 11, 2021:** Received in the House.
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- **Jun 8, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 7, 2021:** Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S3963-3965)
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