

S 3407

Guaranteeing Ukrainian Autonomy by Reinforcing its Defense (GUARD) Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Dec 15, 2021
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Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Dec 15, 2021
Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]	R · TN		Dec 15, 2021
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Dec 15, 2021
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Dec 15, 2021
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Dec 15, 2021
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Dec 15, 2021
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Dec 16, 2021
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jan 10, 2022
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Jan 10, 2022
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jan 18, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 15, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6367	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 S 3436	Related bill	Jan 13, 2022: Under the order of 12/18/21, not having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, failed of passage in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 55 - 44. Record Vote Number: 8.

Summary (as of Dec 15, 2021)

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This bill provides support for Ukraine and imposes sanctions related to Nord Stream 2, the pipeline constructed to increase exports of natural gas from Russia.

If Russia or any of its proxies militarily advance into Ukraine's territory or airspace beyond the area occupied as of December 15, 2021, the Department of State must designate Russia a state sponsor of terrorism.

The bill authorizes the State Department to provide Foreign Military Financing assistance to Ukraine in FY2022. The bill also authorizes providing Ukraine with lethal assistance, such as anti-armor weapon systems and anti-aircraft weapons systems.

From FY2022-FY2026, Ukraine shall have priority access to excess defense articles.

During the same time period, the bill also authorizes providing Ukraine with assistance, including (1) International Military Education and Training assistance; (2) assistance to strengthen cybersecurity and intellectual property enforcement; (3) support and training for banking reform, subsidy reform, corporate governance, and the privatization of state-owned enterprises; and (4) assistance to combat corruption and improve the rule of law.

Within 15 days of this bill's enactment, the President must impose sanctions on any entity responsible for planning, constructing, or operating Nord Stream 2, as well as any corporate officer of such an entity. The bill also subjects the President's authority to waive certain sanctions to congressional review.

The bill requires reports to Congress on various topics, including a strategy on using U.S. diplomacy to support Ukraine.

Actions Timeline

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