

## S 3777

### SHIELD Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Mar 8, 2022

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 8, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/3777>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Burr, Richard [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 8, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 8, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6998	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 1620	Related bill	May 24, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### Summary (as of Mar 8, 2022)

#### Stopping Harmful Image Exploitation and Limiting Distribution Act of 2022 or the SHIELD Act of 2022

This bill establishes a new criminal offense related to the distribution of intimate visual depictions.

Specifically, it makes it a crime to knowingly distribute (or intentionally threaten to distribute) an intimate visual depiction of an individual (1) with knowledge of or reckless disregard for the individual's lack of consent and reasonable expectation of privacy, and (2) without a reasonable belief that distributing the depiction touches a matter of public concern.

A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to five years, or both.

## **Actions Timeline**

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