

## HR 4424

### DEFEND Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Jul 13, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services. (Jul 13, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4424>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                            | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27] | R · FL        |      | Jul 13, 2021 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Armed Services Committee | House   | Referred To | Jul 13, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action  |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 117 HR 4350 | Related bill | Mar 1, 2022: Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 144. |

### Summary (as of Jul 13, 2021)

#### Deadly Escalation by Foreign Entities Notification and Disclosure Act or the DEFEND Act

This bill requires the Department of Defense to provide specified notice to Congress if it is determined with high confidence that an official of a foreign government has taken or plans to take a substantial step that is intended to cause the death of, or serious bodily injury to, any member of the Armed Forces.

### Actions Timeline

- **Jul 13, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 13, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.