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Protecting Domestic Violence and Stalking Victims Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (38 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 2, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Apr 14, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 2, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1620	Related bill	May 24, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HR 1494	Related bill	May 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 1906	Related bill	May 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 S 1155	Related bill	Apr 15, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1985)

Summary (as of Mar 2, 2021)

Protecting Domestic Violence and Stalking Victims Act of 2021

This bill establishes new federal firearms restrictions for individuals who are convicted of misdemeanor stalking offenses.

The bill expands the categories of persons who are prohibited from receiving, possessing, shipping, or transporting a firearm or ammunition. Specifically, it adds a new category of prohibited persons: persons convicted of a misdemeanor crime of stalking.

The term *misdemeanor crime of stalking* means a misdemeanor stalking offense under federal, state, tribal, or municipal law and a course of harassment, intimidation, or surveillance of another person that (1) places such person in reasonable fear of harm to themselves, an immediate family member, a household member, or a spouse or intimate partner (including a current or former dating partner); or (2) causes emotional distress to such person.

The bill also specifically prohibits dating partners who are convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence or who are subject to certain restraining orders from receiving, possessing, shipping, or transporting a firearm or ammunition. Currently, such restrictions generally only apply to spouses, co-parents, and cohabitants.

Actions Timeline

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