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Stop Illegal Trafficking in Firearms Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: VT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 22, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		May 17, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 22, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 30	Related bill	Mar 1, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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This bill establishes a federal statutory framework to prohibit straw purchasing of firearms, trafficking in firearms, and related conduct.

A violator is subject to criminal and civil penalties, including the seizure and forfeiture of the firearms and ammunition involved in the offense, property constituting or derived from proceeds from the offense, and property used to commit or facilitate the offense.

The bill authorizes law enforcement to investigate straw purchasing and trafficking in firearms offenses using wiretaps (i.e., authorized interceptions of wire, electronic, or oral communications) and makes the offenses predicate offenses (i.e., underlying offenses) for prosecutions under the federal money laundering statute and the federal racketeering statute.

Actions Timeline

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