

S 1025

SAFEGUARD Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Foreign Trade and International Finance

Introduced: Mar 29, 2023

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Mar 29, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/1025>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

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| Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI] | D · HI | | Mar 29, 2023 |
| Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL] | D · IL | | May 4, 2023 |
| Sen. Fetterman, John [D-PA] | D · PA | | May 4, 2023 |
| Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD] | D · MD | | Jun 1, 2023 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Foreign Relations Committee | Senate | Referred To | Mar 29, 2023 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 118 HR 1801 | Related bill | Mar 27, 2023: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. |

Safeguarding Human Rights in Arms Exports Act of 2023 or the SAFEGUARD Act of 2023

This bill establishes specified measures to prevent the sale, export, or transfer of defense articles or defense services to foreign countries for use in violation of international humanitarian law or human rights.

These measures include (1) prohibiting arms sales to countries committing genocide or war crimes, (2) requiring a consideration of human rights practices and democratization in any foreign country to which an arms sale is contemplated, and (3) providing for congressional oversight of arms exports to foreign countries wherein certain human rights violations have occurred.

Actions Timeline

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