

S 140

Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jan 30, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

Party: Republican • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jan 30, 2023
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 16, 2023
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jun 21, 2023
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 10, 2023
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jul 11, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 5, 2023
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Sep 12, 2023
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Sep 12, 2023
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Sep 12, 2023
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Oct 30, 2023
Sen. Budd, Ted [R-NC]	R · NC		Nov 6, 2023
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Nov 8, 2023
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Feb 1, 2024
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 6, 2024
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 29, 2024
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 22, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 30, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 895	Identical bill	May 23, 2024: ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mr. Joyce (OH) asked unanimous consent that he may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 895, a bill originally introduced by Representative Buck, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.
118 S 139	Related bill	Jan 30, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Jan 30, 2023)

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This bill expands federal enforcement of criminal offenses related to organized retail crime. Organized retail crime typically refers to large-scale retail theft and fraud by organized groups of professional shoplifters, or boosters, who make money by stealing merchandise and reselling it for a fraction of the retail cost.

First, with respect to criminal offenses involving the transportation of stolen property across state lines and the sale or receipt of stolen goods, the bill broadens the scope of conduct that qualifies as offenses. Additionally, the bill makes the offenses predicate offenses (i.e., underlying offenses) for prosecutions under the federal money laundering statute and authorizes the criminal forfeiture of any property representing or traceable to the gross proceeds obtained as a result of an offense or a conspiracy to commit an offense.

Second, with respect to criminal offenses involving theft from an interstate or foreign shipment, the bill makes an offense an underlying offense for prosecution under the federal money laundering statute and authorizes the criminal forfeiture of any property representing or traceable to the gross proceeds obtained as a result of an offense or a conspiracy to commit an offense.

Finally, the bill establishes a center—the Organized Retail Crime Coordination Center—within the Department of Homeland Security to coordinate the federal law enforcement activities related to organized retail crime.

Actions Timeline

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