

S 2555

Better CARE for Animals Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Animals

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Jul 27, 2023)

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Sponsor

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

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Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 27, 2023
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Oct 4, 2023
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Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 15, 2023
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 15, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 15, 2023
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Nov 27, 2023
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 27, 2023
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Nov 29, 2023
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Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Dec 4, 2023
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 11, 2023
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 11, 2023
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Dec 14, 2023
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Dec 19, 2023
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Dec 19, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Jan 8, 2024
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 11, 2024
Sen. Butler, Laphonza R. [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 11, 2024
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 16, 2024
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 23, 2024
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Sep 23, 2024
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Nov 12, 2024
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 12, 2024
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 12, 2024
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Nov 21, 2024
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Dec 20, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 27, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 5335	Related bill	Nov 18, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
118 HR 5041	Identical bill	Sep 19, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.

Summary (as of Jul 27, 2023)

Better Collaboration, Accountability, and Regulatory Enforcement for Animals Act of 2023 or the Better CARE for Animals Act of 2023

This bill modifies enforcement provisions under the Animal Welfare Act, including by allowing the Department of Justice (DOJ) to bring civil actions against violators of the act for appropriate relief, such as removing animals, revoking violators' licenses, or issuing civil penalties. DOJ must use the penalties to pay for the temporary care for animals pending the disposition of civil or criminal proceedings that allege violations of the act with respect to such animals.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 27, 2023: Introduced in Senate
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