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Keep Americans Safe Act

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (30 total)

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Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Feb 7, 2023
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Feb 7, 2023
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 7, 2023
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 7, 2023
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Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 7, 2023
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 7, 2023
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2023
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Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Feb 7, 2023
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Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 7, 2023
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 7, 2023
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 7, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 7, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 7, 2023
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Welch, Peter [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 27, 2023
Sen. Butler, Laphonza R. [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 7, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 698	Related bill	Jun 5, 2023: ASSUMING FIRST SPONSORSHIP - Mrs. McBath asked unanimous consent that she may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 698, a bill originally introduced by Representative Cicilline, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII. Agreed to without objection.
118 HR 625	Related bill	Jan 30, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 S 25	Related bill	Jan 23, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S55)

Summary (as of Feb 7, 2023)

Keep Americans Safe Act

This bill establishes a new criminal offense for the import, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of a large capacity ammunition feeding device (LCAF).

The bill does not prohibit certain conduct with respect to an LCAF, including the following:

- importation, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession related to certain law enforcement efforts, or authorized tests or experiments;
- importation, sale, transfer, or possession related to securing nuclear materials; and
- possession by a retired law enforcement officer.

The bill permits continued possession of, but prohibits sale or transfer of, a grandfathered LCAF.

Newly manufactured LAFDs must display serial number identification and the date of manufacture.

Additionally, the bill allows a state or local government to use Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funds to compensate individuals who surrender an LCAF under a buy-back program.

Actions Timeline

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