

S 598

Gun Records Restoration and Preservation Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Mar 1, 2023

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 1, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/598>

Sponsor

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

Party: Democratic • State: NJ • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 1, 2023
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 6, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 1, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1302	Identical bill	Mar 1, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Gun Records Restoration and Preservation Act

This bill amends several appropriations laws to remove limitations on the authority of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to conduct activities related to the administration of federal firearms laws.

Specifically, the bill removes provisions that

- limit the use of firearms tracing data,
- limit the disclosure of data under the Freedom of Information Act,
- prohibit imposing a requirement that gun dealers conduct a physical inventory,
- prohibit consolidating or centralizing records maintained by federal firearm licensees (e.g., gun dealers), and
- require national instant criminal background check records to be destroyed within 24 hours.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 1, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 1, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

LegiList

CONGRESS, MADE CLEAR.

Search Every Federal Bill, Law, and Vote

LegiList is the fastest way to research Congress. Track any bill from introduction to enactment, see how every legislator voted, follow committee activity, and read the full text of every bill — all in one place, always up to date.

legilist.com

Free Course: Learn How Congress Actually Works

LegiList Learn is a free, self-paced course that walks through the entire legislative process — from drafting a bill to a presidential signature. Seven modules, plain language, no politics. Earn a certificate when you finish.

legilist.com/learn

Developer API: Build Apps on Legislative Data

The LegiList API gives developers direct access to bills, votes, legislators, committees, and more. Start free with 1,000 requests per day — no credit card required. Upgrade to Pro when you need to scale.

legilist.com/api

Public data belongs to the public. — legilist.com