

## S 797

### United States Legal Gold and Mining Partnership Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Mar 14, 2023

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 57.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 57. (May 4, 2023)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 14, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 4, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 5570	Related bill	<b>Sep 19, 2023:</b> Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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.

## **United States Legal Gold and Mining Partnership Act**

This bill requires the Department of State to develop a comprehensive strategy to combat illicit gold mining in the Western Hemisphere, with a focus on artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM), a form of mining typified by labor-intensive techniques, dangerous working conditions, and limited regulation.

The required strategy shall include policies, programs, and initiatives to (1) interrupt the linkages between ASM and illicit actors such as drug traffickers and foreign terrorist organizations; (2) deter ASM in environmentally protected areas; (3) build the capacity of foreign civilian law enforcement to counter linkages between illicit gold mining and money laundering, forced labor, sex work, child labor, and trafficking; (4) support efforts by foreign governments to increase regulation of the ASM sector; and (5) interrupt the illicit gold trade in Nicaragua. The strategy must also include policy recommendations for responding to linkages between the government of Venezuela and the illicit mining, trafficking, and commercialization of precious metals and stones.

Additionally, the bill requires the U.S. Agency for International Development to coordinate with democratically elected governments in the region to establish a public-private partnership to improve transparency and traceability in the international gold trade.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 4, 2023:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Menendez with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **May 4, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 57.
- **May 3, 2023:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 14, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 14, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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