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Repeal the TikTok Ban Act

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Jan 20, 2025)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 20, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 564	Identical bill	<b>Jan 20, 2025:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

## **Repeal the TikTok Ban Act**

This bill repeals the prohibition on distributing, maintaining, updating, or providing internet hosting services for a foreign adversary controlled application (e.g., TikTok) and nullifies any existing designation of a website or application as a foreign adversary controlled application.

Under current law, a *foreign adversary controlled application* is a website or application directly or indirectly operated by (1) ByteDance, Ltd., TikTok, their subsidiaries, successors, or related entities they control; or (2) a social media company that is controlled by a foreign adversary country and determined by the President to present a significant threat to national security. (Here, the term *social media company* excludes any website or application primarily used to post product reviews, business reviews, or travel information and reviews. The term *foreign adversary country* means North Korea, China, Russia, and Iran.)

Current law generally prohibits the distribution, maintenance, implementation of updates, or provision of hosting services for a foreign adversary controlled application, unless an approved divestiture transaction results in the application no longer being controlled by a foreign adversary country, among other requirements.

## **Actions Timeline**

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