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Federal Carjacking Enforcement Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]

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

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Luján, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 4, 2025
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Dec 17, 2025
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jan 14, 2026
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jan 14, 2026
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jan 14, 2026
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Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 28, 2026
Sen. Britt, Katie Boyd [R-AL]	R · AL		Jan 30, 2026
Sen. Budd, Ted [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 3, 2026
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 5, 2026
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Mar 5, 2026
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 17, 2026
Sen. Schmitt, Eric [R-MO]	R · MO		Apr 13, 2026
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Apr 13, 2026
Sen. Moody, Ashley [R-FL]	R · FL		Apr 27, 2026
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		May 11, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 1, 2025
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Markup By	Apr 30, 2026
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 11, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 6155	Identical bill	Nov 19, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of May 11, 2026)

Federal Carjacking Enforcement Act

This bill lowers the threshold the government must meet to establish that a defendant committed a federal carjacking offense.

Under current law, the federal carjacking statute prohibits taking (or attempting to take) a motor vehicle from the presence of another by force and violence or intimidation, with the intent to cause death or serious bodily harm.

This bill removes the requirement that a defendant take (or attempt to take) a motor vehicle with the specific intent to cause death or serious bodily harm. Under the bill, the government need only prove that a defendant took (or attempted to take) a motor vehicle knowingly. A violation (or attempted violation) is subject to the same criminal penalties as under current law—a fine, a prison term of up to 15 years, or both.

A violation that results in death or serious bodily injury is subject to the same criminal penalties as under current law—a fine, a prison term of up to 25 years, or both—but only if the offense involves certain aggravating circumstances: (1) the motor vehicle is taken with the intent to cause death or serious bodily harm, or (2) a firearm is brandished or discharged during the offense.

Actions Timeline

- **May 11, 2026:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Grassley with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **May 11, 2026:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 404.
- **Apr 30, 2026:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 1, 2025:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 1, 2025:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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