

S 2201

LGBTQ+ Panic Defense Prohibition Act of 2025

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Jun 27, 2025

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jun 27, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]

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

Cosponsors (14 total)

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Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 27, 2025
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 27, 2025
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 27, 2025
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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 27, 2025
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 27, 2025
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 27, 2025
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 27, 2025
Sen. Kim, Andy [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 28, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 27, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 4197	Related bill	Jun 26, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
119 S 2279	Cross-Congress related bill	Jul 12, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
119 HR 4432	Cross-Congress related bill	Jun 30, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
119 HR 2629	Cross-Congress related bill	Oct 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
119 S 1137	Cross-Congress related bill	Apr 15, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jun 27, 2025)

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This bill generally prohibits a federal criminal defendant from asserting, as a defense, that the nonviolent sexual advance of an individual or a perception or belief of the gender, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation of an individual excuses or justifies conduct or mitigates the severity of an offense.

Actions Timeline

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