

## S 254

### ARTIST Act

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Jan 24, 2025

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 119-99.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 119-99. (Jun 12, 2026)

**Law:** 119-99 (Enacted Jun 12, 2026)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/254>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jan 24, 2025

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 6, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Native Americans

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 5694	Identical bill	<b>Jun 2, 2026:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 588.
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### Summary (as of Jun 12, 2026)

#### Alaska's Right to Ivory Sales and Tradition Act or the ARTIST Act

This act prohibits states from imposing bans on marine mammal products produced by Alaska Natives.

Specifically, states may not prohibit the interstate commerce, importation, sale, transfer, trade, barter, or possession of marine mammal ivory, marine mammal bone, or baleen legally produced by an Alaska Native as an authentic Alaska Native article of handicrafts and clothing.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 12, 2026:** Signed by President.
- **Jun 12, 2026:** Became Public Law No: 119-99.
- **Jun 8, 2026:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 3, 2026:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3794)
- **Jun 3, 2026:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 404 - 14 (Roll no. 193).
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- **Jun 3, 2026:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 3, 2026:** Considered as unfinished business.
- **Jun 2, 2026:** Mr. Westerman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 2, 2026:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3765-3766; text: CR H3765)
- **Jun 2, 2026:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 254.
- **Jun 2, 2026:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Oct 10, 2025:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 10, 2025:** Held at the desk.
- **Oct 8, 2025:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 8, 2025:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7007-7009; text: CR S7008)
- **Oct 8, 2025:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 8, 2025:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Oct 6, 2025:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cruz with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 119-73.
- **Oct 6, 2025:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 178.
- **Jun 25, 2025:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 24, 2025:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 24, 2025:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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