

S 843

Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance and Rehabilitation Act of 2025

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Animals

Introduced: Mar 4, 2025

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Mar 24, 2026)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/843>

Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 4, 2025
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Mar 4, 2025
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Mar 4, 2025
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 4, 2025
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 4, 2025
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Nov 20, 2025
Sen. McCormick, David [R-PA]	R · PA		Nov 20, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 16, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 347	Related bill	Jan 13, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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This bill reauthorizes through FY2030 and expands the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Grant Program to include separate grants to rescue sea turtles. The grants must be used for

- the recovery, care, or treatment of sick, injured, or entangled sea turtles;
- responses to rescue stranded sea turtles;
- the collection of data and samples from living or dead stranded sea turtles for scientific research or health assessments;
- facility operating costs that are directly related to activities to assist sea turtles; or
- development of stranding network capacity where facilities do not exist or are sparse.

In addition, the bill establishes the Sea Turtle Rescue, Rehabilitation, and Rapid Response Fund.

Actions Timeline

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