

S 2823

Agricultural Job Opportunity, Benefits, and Security Act of 2004

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1645	Related bill	Sep 23, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S11845-11858)

Agricultural Job Opportunity, Benefits, and Security Act of 2004 - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to grant qualifying alien agricultural workers (and their spouses and minor children) temporary resident status and subsequently lawful permanent resident status upon the fulfillment of specified agricultural work and residency requirements.

Sets forth provisions with respect to: (1) adjustment of status applications, including penalties for false statements; (2) the waiver of numerical limitations and certain grounds for inadmissibility; (3) the temporary stay of removal and work authorization; (4) administrative and judicial review; and (5) dissemination of program information.

Amends the Social Security Act to provide for the correction of such aliens' social security records.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to set forth application requirements for H-2A (temporary agricultural worker) employers and employer associations, including assurances: (1) that the job opportunity is temporary or seasonal and is not the result of a labor dispute; (2) that attempts have been made to hire U.S. workers; and (3) respecting required wages and benefits and compliance with labor laws.

Sets forth employment requirements with respect to H-2A worker wages, housing, and transportation reimbursement. Establishes the Commission on Agricultural Wage Standards under the H-2A program.

Revises provisions respecting the admission and extension of stay of H-2A workers. Provides special rules for alien shepherders.

Sets forth worker protection and labor standards enforcement provisions for such aliens.

Actions Timeline

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