

HR 128

Respect for the Law Act of 2009

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law. (Feb 9, 2009)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 6, 2009)

Respect for the Law Act of 2009 - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish criminal penalties for an alien who is permitted to depart voluntarily and subsequently enters, attempts to enter, or is present in the United States unlawfully.

Revises criminal penalties for an alien subject to an order of removal who fails to depart or to appear for removal to include a one-year minimum prison sentence.

Revises criminal penalties for an alien who reenters the United States after having been removed to include a one-year minimum prison sentence.

Revises criminal penalties for the reentry of certain aliens who were removed from the United States for specified criminal-related grounds.

Revises exclusion provisions for an alien who has been unlawfully present in the United States for: (1) more than 180 days and less than one year; and (2) at least one year.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 9, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.