

HR 1531

Promoting American Agricultural and Medical Exports to Cuba Act of 2009

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Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Jun 12, 2009
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Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jun 16, 2009
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Jun 24, 2009
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Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jul 7, 2009
Rep. Tanner, John S. [D-TN-8]	D · TN		Jul 7, 2009
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Jul 7, 2009
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Oct 6, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 16, 2009
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 16, 2009
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 16, 2009
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 16, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 16, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 4645	Related bill	Sep 29, 2010: Reported by the Committee on Agriculture. H. Rept. 111-653, Part I.
111 S 3112	Related bill	Mar 15, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
111 S 1089	Related bill	May 20, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Mar 16, 2009)

Promoting American Agricultural and Medical Exports to Cuba Act of 2009 - Prohibits the President from restricting direct transfers from a Cuban depository institution to a U.S. depository institution in payment for a product authorized for sale under the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to provide information and technical assistance to U.S. agricultural producers, cooperative organizations, or state agencies to promote U.S. agricultural exports products to Cuba.

Authorizes the issuance of temporary entry visas to Cuban nationals to facilitate purchase of U.S. agricultural products.

Amends the Department of Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 to repeal the prohibition on enforcement of rights to certain U.S. intellectual properties and such properties' transfer.

Prohibits the President from regulating or prohibiting travel to or from Cuba by U.S. citizens or legal residents, or any of the transactions ordinarily incident to such travel, and any regulation restricting or prohibiting such travel shall have no effect, relating to: (1) accompanied personal baggage; (2) payment of living expenses and the acquisition of personal-use goods or services; (3) travel arrangements; (4) nonscheduled air, sea, or land voyage transactions, (such provision does not permit the carriage of articles other than accompanied baggage into Cuba or the United States); and (5) normal banking transactions. States that such provision shall not apply in time of war or armed hostilities between the United States and Cuba, or of imminent danger to the public health or the physical safety of U.S. travelers.

Amends the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992 to repeal the requirement for onsite verification of certain medical exports to Cuba.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) increase the airport ticket tax for transportation between the United States and Cuba by \$1; and (2) establish in the Treasury the Agricultural Export Promotion Trust Fund.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 16, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to House Foreign Affairs
- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Agriculture, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means
- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to House Judiciary
- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to House Agriculture
- **Mar 16, 2009:** Referred to House Financial Services