

HR 4259

Employment Benefit Act

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Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 4321	Related bill	Mar 1, 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
111 S 3029	Related bill	Feb 24, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Employment Benefit Act - Amends the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 to: (1) make the alien investor visa (EB-5) regional center program permanent; (2) establish a \$2,500 regional center designation fee; and (3) increase visa set-asides for such program.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act regarding EB-5 provisions to: (1) establish a \$2,500 premium processing fee; (2) establish in the Treasury the Immigrant Entrepreneur Regional Account Center; (3) permit concurrent filing for EB-5 petitions and status adjustment applications; (4) expand the definition of "targeted employment area" for purposes of visa set-asides; and (5) expand EB-5 eligibility to include investors who have completed investment agreements with a qualified venture capital operating company or with an "angel investor" (U.S. citizen- or permanent resident-owned entity or an entity that has made specified commercial enterprise investments).

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 1, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
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