

## HR 4470

### Strong STANDARDS Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Mar 1, 2010)

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2010
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		May 11, 2010
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 11, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 28, 2010
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 1, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### 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 1550	Related bill	Jul 30, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Safe Treatment, Avoiding Needless Deaths, and Abuse Reduction in the Detention System Act or the Strong STANDARDS Act - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to: (1) ensure that all individuals subject to detention under the Immigration and Nationality Act (detainees) are treated humanely and granted specified protections; and (2) comply with minimum requirements concerning detainees set forth in this Act.

Sets forth requirements concerning a wide range of issues, including: (1) detainee medical care, examinations, and records; (2) detainee releases, transfers, and transportation; (3) detainee access to telephones, legal information and representation, translation services, and recreational activities; (4) protection of detainees from abuse, the unique needs of vulnerable detainees, and the segregation of children; (5) limitations on solitary confinement, shackling, and strip searches; (6) detainee visits with religious individuals and children; (7) detention facility personnel training; (8) detainee grievances; and (9) facility compliance.

Sets forth specific requirements for short-term (72 hours or less) detention facilities, including concerning: (1) provision of basic needs, detainee access to consular officials and health care professionals, and the return of property; and (2) protections for children.

Requires the Secretary to appoint and convene an Immigration Detention Commission to conduct independent investigations of detention facility and DHS compliance with requirements under this Act. Establishes reporting requirements concerning any individual who dies while in DHS custody.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 1, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jan 28, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism.
- **Jan 19, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 19, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jan 19, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.