

HR 1720

H-2A Improvement Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement. (Jun 1, 2011)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-27]	D · NY		Jul 6, 2011
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 3232	Related bill	Oct 24, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
112 S 1697	Related bill	Oct 12, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
112 S 852	Identical bill	Apr 14, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2530-2531)

H-2A Improvement Act - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to include within the H-2A nonimmigrant visa category (temporary agricultural workers) an alien coming temporarily to the United States to work as a sheepherder, goat herder, or dairy worker. Exempts an employer filing a petition to employ such a worker from the requirement to show that the position is of a seasonal or temporary nature.

Provides for a three-year initial period of admission with additional three-year extensions.

Authorizes such alien to petition to become a lawful permanent resident after having worked as a sheepherder, goat herder, or dairy worker in the United States for not fewer than 33 of the preceding 36 months.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 1, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
- **May 4, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **May 4, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.