

## HR 4259

End Trafficking in Government Contracting Act of 2012

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights. (May 7, 2012)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 7, 2012
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 9, 2012
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 2234	Identical bill	<b>Dec 19, 2012:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 571.
112 S 3286	Related bill	<b>Jun 12, 2012:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
112 S 2139	Related bill	<b>Apr 17, 2012:</b> Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 112-659.

## Summary (as of Mar 26, 2012)

End Trafficking in Government Contracting Act of 2012 - Amends the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to expand the authority of a federal agency to terminate a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement involving grantees or contractors who engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons to include grantees or contractors who: (1) engage in acts that directly support or advance trafficking in persons, (2) destroy an employee's immigration documents or fail to repatriate such employee upon the end of employment, (3) solicit persons for employment under false pretenses, (4) charge recruited employees exorbitant placement fees, or (5) provide inhumane living conditions. Requires the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to monitor all known cases and activities involving trafficking in persons that are reported to certain officials of the Department of Defense (DOD).

Prohibits the head of an executive agency from entering into a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement valued at \$1 million or more if performance will predominantly be conducted overseas unless a representative of the recipient of such grant, contract, or cooperative agreement certifies that the recipient has implemented a plan and procedures to prevent trafficking in persons.

Requires a contracting or grant officer of an executive agency who receives credible evidence that a recipient of a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement has engaged in trafficking in persons or other prohibited activities to request the agency's Inspector General to investigate allegations of trafficking and to take remedial actions, including the suspension of payments under the grant, contract, or cooperative agreement.

Amends the federal criminal code to impose a fine and/or prison term of up to five years on any individual who knowingly and with intent to defraud recruits, solicits, or hires a person outside the United States, or attempts to do so, to work on on a government contract performed on government facilities outside the United States by means of materially false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises regarding such employment.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 7, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights.
- **Apr 9, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Apr 9, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.
- **Mar 26, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.

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