

HR 6292

Jacob's Law of 2012

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement. (Aug 14, 2012)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Buerkle, Ann Marie [R-NY-25]	R · NY		Aug 2, 2012
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Aug 2, 2012
Rep. Turner, Robert L. [R-NY-9]	R · NY		Aug 2, 2012
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Aug 2, 2012
Rep. Rohrabacher, Dana [R-CA-46]	R · CA		Aug 3, 2012
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Sep 13, 2012
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Sep 18, 2012
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 2, 2012
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 14, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Justice for Imprisoned Americans Overseas Act of 2012 or Jacob's Law of 2012 - Directs the Secretary of State to submit a semiannual report to Congress for five years that identifies: (1) U.S. citizens imprisoned in foreign countries whose fundamental due process and human rights are being violated, (2) the due process and human rights violations that are being committed against such U.S. citizens, and (3) the government officials who are responsible for such violations or who are not fulfilling their official responsibility to protect such rights.

Prohibits the Secretary of State from issuing any visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) from permitting entry to the United States of, any such identified official and his or her immediate family members. Makes such ban permanent if an identified U.S. citizen dies while in foreign custody.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 14, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
- **Aug 3, 2012:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1430-1431)
- **Aug 2, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 2, 2012:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.