

## HR 4961

Human Smuggling Prevention Act of 2014

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Jun 25, 2014

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. (Jul 21, 2014)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/4961>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor                      | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]   | R · AZ        |      | Jul 15, 2014 |
| Rep. Marchant, Kenny [R-TX-24] | R · TX        |      | Jul 15, 2014 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Homeland Security Committee | House   | Referred to | Jul 11, 2014 |
| Judiciary Committee         | House   | Referred to | Jul 21, 2014 |
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action   |
|------------|--------------|---|
| 113 S 2619 | Related bill | <b>Jul 17, 2014:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.   |
| 113 S 2561 | Related bill | <b>Jun 26, 2014:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.   |
| 113 HR 15  | Related bill | <b>Mar 26, 2014:</b> Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Garcia. Petition No: 113-9. (<a href="http://clerk.house.gov/113/lrc/pd/petitions/DisPet0009.xml">Discharge petition</a> text with signatures.) |
| 113 S 744  | Related bill | <b>Jun 27, 2013:</b> Senate ordered measure printed as passed.  |

Human Smuggling Prevention Act of 2014 - Prohibits an individual acting for financial gain from directing or participating in an effort to bring or attempt to bring five or more persons unlawfully into the United States.

Establishes monetary and/or prison penalties for such actions. Prescribes increased penalties for actions that: (1) result in death or serious bodily injury; (2) place a life in jeopardy; or (3) involve bribery of a government official, robbery, sexual abuse, or 10 or more persons.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to: (1) implement a strategy to deter and interdict human smuggling across the international land and maritime borders of the United States, and (2) submit an annual list to Congress of high traffic areas of human smuggling.

Makes it a crime to: (1) transmit to another person the location, movement, or activities of law enforcement agents with the intent to further a federal crime relating to immigration, customs, controlled substances, agriculture, monetary instruments, or other border controls; and (2) destroy, alter, or damage any physical or electronic device used by the federal government to control the border or any port of entry.

Prohibits the carrying or use of a firearm in an alien smuggling crime.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 21, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Jul 21, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jul 11, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Jun 25, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 25, 2014:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.