

HR 178

Terrorist Denaturalization and Passport Revocation Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (15 total)

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Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Jan 6, 2015
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Jan 6, 2015
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jan 8, 2015
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Jan 12, 2015
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jan 20, 2015
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		Feb 10, 2015
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Feb 11, 2015
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Feb 11, 2015
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Feb 24, 2015
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Feb 25, 2015
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Feb 25, 2015
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Apr 22, 2015
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Dec 16, 2015
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Dec 18, 2015
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Feb 9, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 11, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2020	Related bill	May 20, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade.

Summary (as of Jan 6, 2015)

Terrorist Denaturalization and Passport Revocation Act

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to include among the grounds for loss of U.S. nationality by a native-born or naturalized citizen:

- taking an oath or making a declaration of allegiance to a foreign terrorist organization after attaining the age of 18;
- entering or serving in the armed forces of a foreign state that harbors a foreign terrorist organization;
- accepting, serving in, or performing the duties of any office, post, or employment in a foreign terrorist organization after attaining the age of 18;
- accepting, serving in, or performing the duties of any office, post, or employment in a foreign terrorist organization after attaining the age of 18 for which an oath or declaration of allegiance is required; or
- accepting, serving in, or performing the duties of any office, post, or employment in a foreign terrorist organization after attaining the age of 18 if the position requires knowing engagement in hostilities against U.S. military or civilian personnel.

Amends the Passport Act of 1926 to prohibit, with a discretionary exception for emergency or humanitarian reasons, the Secretary of State from issuing a passport or passport card to an individual who is a member of a foreign terrorist organization engaged in hostilities against the United States or its allies.

Directs the Secretary to revoke a passport or passport card previously issued to any such individual.

Authorizes the Secretary, before revocation, to: (1) limit a previously issued passport or passport card only for return travel to the United States, or (2) issue a limited passport or passport card that only permits return travel to the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 11, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade.
- **Feb 2, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jan 6, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 6, 2015:** 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.