

HR 3785

Correcting Hurtful and Alienating Names in Government Expression (CHANGE) Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Nov 2, 2015

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Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Dec 18, 2015
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Rep. Graham, Gwen [D-FL-2]	D · FL		Nov 16, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 23, 2015
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 21, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Correcting Hurtful and Alienating Names in Government Expression (CHANGE) Act

This bill prohibits an executive agency from using the following terms in any rule, regulation, interpretation, publication, other document, display, or sign issued by the agency except to the extent that the term is used in quoting or reproducing text written by a source other than an officer or employee of the agency:

- "alien" when used to refer to an individual who is not a U.S. citizen or national, and
- "illegal alien" when used to refer to an individual who is unlawfully present in the United States or who lacks a lawful U.S. immigration status.

In determining the meaning of any Act of Congress, or of any ruling, regulation, or interpretation of various U.S. administrative bureaus and agencies, the term "foreign national" in federal law means any individual other than an individual who: (1) is a U.S. citizen; or (2) though not a U.S. citizen, owes permanent allegiance to the United States.

Any reference in any federal statute, rule, regulation, executive order, publication, or other U.S. document to the term:

- "alien" when used to refer to an individual who is not a U.S. citizen or national is deemed to refer to the term "foreign national," and
- "illegal alien" when used to refer to an individual who is unlawfully present in the United States or who lacks a lawful U.S. immigration status is deemed to refer to the term "undocumented foreign national."

Conforming amendments are made to specified Acts.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 23, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Oct 21, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 21, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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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