

HR 4048

Syrian Refugee Verification and Safety Act

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Chamber: House

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. (Dec 4, 2015)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Graves, Garret [R-LA-6]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Abraham, Ralph Lee [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Nov 17, 2015
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Nov 17, 2015
Rep. Fleming, John [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Nov 17, 2015
Rep. Mica, John L. [R-FL-7]	R · FL		Nov 18, 2015
Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Apr 12, 2016
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Jul 21, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 17, 2015
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 17, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 4, 2015
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 17, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2284	Identical bill	Nov 17, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S8022-8023)

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This bill declares that: (1) no alien who is a refugee because of the conflict in Syria (covered alien) may be admitted to the United States as a refugee, (2) no funds may be expended to process refugee applications for covered aliens, and (3) no funds may be expended by the Department of State or the Department of Health and Human Services to resettle covered aliens in the United States.

These restrictions shall remain in effect until 30 days after the President certifies to Congress regarding:

- protocols and interagency coordination to adjudicate such U.S. admissions and resettlement;
- evaluation and review of such protocols and coordination by the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community;
- State Department submission to Congress of an updated Congressional Presentation Document of the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration for Fiscal Year 2016 that reflects security or other risks posed by covered aliens; and
- a State Department briefing to Congress on the increase in covered aliens seeking refugee admission and so admitted, including information on any terrorist conduct.

This certification: (1) may not be submitted to Congress before 270 days, and (2) shall not have any effect if Congress enacts into law a joint resolution of disapproval within 15 days.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 4, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Nov 17, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 17, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), Rules, and 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.