

## HR 738

Baseball Diplomacy Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. (Mar 16, 2015)

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2015
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Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Apr 21, 2015
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Apr 30, 2015
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		May 26, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 4, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

International Affairs

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Feb 4, 2015)

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### Baseball Diplomacy Act

Waives certain foreign assistance and trade and travel prohibitions against Cuba under specified federal law regarding Cuban nationals who: (1) enter the United States on a visa to play organized professional baseball, and (2) return to Cuba with their baseball earnings. States that such visa shall be valid only for the duration of the season and need not be renewed as long as the player remains with the same team.

Prohibits the President from denying visas to such nationals based upon authority under the Immigration and Nationality Act to restrict any entry of aliens or class of aliens that would be detrimental to U.S. interests.

Declares that this Act shall not be affected by the economic embargo requirements against Cuba under the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Feb 4, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 4, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.