

HR 1075

Freedom for Refugees Escaping Enmity (FREE) Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Feb 15, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Feb 15, 2017
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Feb 15, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 15, 2017
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 28, 2017
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 15, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 724	Related bill	Mar 2, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 HR 735	Related bill	Feb 24, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
115 HR 722	Related bill	Feb 14, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 S 248	Related bill	Jan 30, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Feb 15, 2017)

Freedom for Refugees Escaping Enmity (FREE) Act

This bill nullifies Executive Order 13769, entitled "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States." No federal funds may be used to implement or enforce any of the policy changes set forth in such order.

Among the order's major provisions are restrictions on the entry of immigrants and nonimmigrants from seven countries (Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen) and additional limitations on refugee admissions to the United States.

The Department of Homeland Security shall release any alien in custody under authority of such order. Visas or documentation that were revoked or refused under authority of such order shall be reissued or reconsidered as appropriate unless a consular officer knows, or has reason to believe, that the alien is ineligible to receive the visa or documentation under any provision of the immigration laws.

The Immigration and Nationality Act is amended to prohibit an alien from being given immigration visa preference, being discriminated against, or being denied U.S. entry or admission based upon religion or lack of religious beliefs.

The President may may not exercise his or her authority to suspend or restrict the U.S. entry of aliens or classes of aliens so as to modify the entry, reentry, or admission requirements of an alien having a valid and unexpired: (1) immigrant or nonimmigrant visa, or (2) refugee or legal permanent resident status.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 6, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Feb 28, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Feb 15, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 15, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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.