

## HR 178

Religious Worker Visa Reciprocity Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. (Jan 13, 2017)

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### Sponsor

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		May 24, 2018
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		May 24, 2018
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		May 24, 2018
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		May 24, 2018
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Jun 6, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 13, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Religious Worker Visa Reciprocity Act of 2017

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to prohibit, as of October 1, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from approving a petition for classification of an alien as a special immigrant religious worker/minister if DHS has determined that the alien's country of nationality:

- is identified as a Country of Particular Concern or a country where religious freedom is of significant interest in the 2013 International Religious Freedom Report, or
- does not extend reciprocal immigration treatment to U.S. nationals who are seeking resident status in order to work in a religious vocation or occupation.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 13, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.