

## HR 2690

Agricultural Worker Program Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. (Jul 11, 2017)

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Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Oct 24, 2017
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Nov 9, 2017
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Nov 15, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 11, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 8, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1034	Identical bill	<b>May 3, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of May 25, 2017)

### Agricultural Worker Program Act of 2017

This bill authorizes the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to confer blue card status upon an alien who: (1) has performed specified periods of U.S. agricultural employment or is a qualifying alien's spouse or child, (2) has been physically present in the United States for a qualifying period, (3) applied for such status during the application period, (4) is not ineligible under specified grounds for such status, (5) has passed security and law enforcement clearances, and (6) has paid the required fees and penalties.

Blue card status is limited to eight years.

A blue card alien (individual) may: (1) work in the United States, and (2) travel from and return to the United States, including commuting to the United States from a foreign residence.

DHS shall adjust an individual's blue card status to lawful permanent resident status if the individual: (1) performs a specified period of qualifying agricultural employment, (2) applies before the expiration of his or her blue card status, and (3) pays a required fine and satisfies any federal tax liability. The bill also provides for status adjustment of such an individual's qualifying spouse and child.

The bill enumerates: (1) grounds for revocation of blue card status or denial of permanent resident status, (2) protections for aliens apprehended before or during the application period or in removal proceedings, and (3) employer protections.

Such an individual: (1) is ineligible for any federal means-tested benefit, and (2) may correct certain social security records.

DHS shall report to Congress, after six months and annually for the next eight years, on the blue card program.

## Actions Timeline

- **Jul 11, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jun 8, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
- **May 25, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 25, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.