

HR 2717

STAPLE Act

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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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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		May 25, 2017
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 11, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 25, 2017)

Stopping Trained in America Ph.D.s From Leaving the Economy Act of 2017 or the STAPLE Act

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt from: (1) direct numerical limitations aliens who have earned a Ph.D. degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) from a U.S. institution of higher education and who have an offer of employment from a U.S. employer in a field related to such degree; and (2) H-1B visa (specialty occupation) numerical limitations aliens who have a U.S. STEM Ph.D. and with respect to whom the petitioning employer requires such an education.

Actions Timeline

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