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Afghan Allies Protection Amendments Act of 2018

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NH • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 7, 2018
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		May 7, 2018
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		May 7, 2018
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		May 7, 2018
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		May 7, 2018
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		May 7, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 7, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5694	Identical bill	<b>May 22, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.

## **Afghan Allies Protection Amendments Act of 2018**

This bill amends the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 to authorize, in addition to any unused visas in prior fiscal years, up to 4,000 visas in FY2019 for the Afghan special immigrant visa program. That program provides special immigrant visa status for Afghans (and certain family members) who are threatened because of their work as translators, interpreters, or support staff for the U.S. government or its Armed Forces in Afghanistan.

The bill also requires that the period of employment for Afghans eligible for the special visa end by December 31, 2021, and that Afghans seeking special immigrant status must apply to the Chief of Mission in Afghanistan by that same date.

## **Actions Timeline**

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