

HR 281

Family Farm Relief Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

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Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Jan 6, 2017
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Feb 2, 2017
Rep. Faso, John J. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Feb 2, 2017
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Feb 13, 2017
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		May 16, 2017
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Jun 26, 2017
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Sep 13, 2017
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Nov 14, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 31, 2017
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a process for receiving H-2A nonimmigrant visas (temporary agricultural workers) which shall ensure that that petitioners may file such petitions over the Internet or in paper form. (Administration of the H-2A program is transferred from the Department of Labor to USDA.)

The bill: (1) includes year-round livestock workers, including dairy workers, in the H-2A category with a maximum three-year period of admissions, which may be renewed three months after the end of each such period; and (2) revises H-2A certification provisions.

Actions Timeline

- **May 2, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Jan 31, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jan 4, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.