

HR 4092

AG Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]

Party: Republican • State: VA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Marshall, Roger [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Oct 23, 2017
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Oct 31, 2017
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Nov 7, 2017
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Dec 11, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 23, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 23, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 23, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4760	Related bill	Jun 21, 2018: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Oct 23, 2017)

Agricultural Guestworker Act or the AG Act

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a new H-2C nonimmigrant visa for aliens having a residence in a foreign country which they have no intention of abandoning and who are coming temporarily to the United States to perform agricultural labor or services.

An employer seeking to employ aliens as H-2C workers must file a petition with the Department of Homeland Security and provide required information.

The maximum period of authorized status for temporary or seasonal H-2C workers is 18 months. For aliens not employed as temporary or seasonal workers, the maximum initial period is 36 months with subsequent periods of 18 months.

A trust fund is established to provide a monetary incentive for H-2C workers to return to their countries of origin upon expiration of their visas.

The bill establishes annual fiscal year H-2C admission limits.

The bill also sets forth provisions regarding: (1) penalties for failure to pay wages or required benefits, (2) working conditions and wages, (3) admissions and extensions of stay, (4) abandonment of employment and worker replacement, (5) protection of U.S. workers, and (6) arbitration and mediation of employment-related claims of H-2C workers.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 25, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 25, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 16.
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and 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.
- **Oct 23, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.