

HR 4253

American Promise Act of 2017

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Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Nov 7, 2017
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Nov 7, 2017
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Nov 8, 2017
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Nov 8, 2017
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Rep. Hanabusa, Colleen [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Nov 21, 2017
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Nov 21, 2017
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Nov 21, 2017
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Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Nov 28, 2017
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Nov 28, 2017
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Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Nov 30, 2017
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Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Dec 11, 2017
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Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Dec 22, 2017
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Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jan 8, 2018
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Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jan 18, 2018
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Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jan 18, 2018
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Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Jan 29, 2018
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Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Feb 5, 2018
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Feb 5, 2018
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Feb 6, 2018

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Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Feb 7, 2018
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Feb 7, 2018
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Feb 7, 2018
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Feb 8, 2018
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2018
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Feb 20, 2018
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Feb 20, 2018
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Feb 23, 2018
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Mar 7, 2018
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Mar 13, 2018
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Mar 26, 2018
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Mar 26, 2018
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Apr 10, 2018
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Apr 13, 2018
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Apr 13, 2018
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		May 1, 2018
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		May 8, 2018
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		May 10, 2018
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Jun 5, 2018
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jun 5, 2018
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Jun 6, 2018
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Jun 8, 2018
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jun 8, 2018
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Jun 13, 2018
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Jul 11, 2018
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Jul 11, 2018
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jul 17, 2018
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jul 31, 2018
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jul 31, 2018
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jul 31, 2018
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Sep 13, 2018
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Sep 17, 2018
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Sep 20, 2018
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Oct 5, 2018
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Oct 12, 2018
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Nov 2, 2018
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Nov 2, 2018
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Nov 2, 2018
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Nov 27, 2018

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Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Dec 12, 2018
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Dec 19, 2018
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Dec 19, 2018
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Dec 19, 2018
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Dec 19, 2018
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Dec 19, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 21, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4956	Related bill	Feb 6, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

American Promise Act of 2017

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit an alien who is in temporary protected status (TPS) or deferred enforced departure (DED) status to apply for legal permanent resident status if such alien:

- is eligible for permanent resident status,
- applies for adjustment within three years,
- was granted or was eligible for TPS or DED status on or before October 1, 2017, and
- has been continuously physically present in the U.S. for at least three years.

(TPS designations permit eligible nationals of designated counties affected by armed conflict or natural disasters to temporarily reside and work in the United States. DED designations permit eligible nationals of presidentially-designated counties to be temporarily not subject to removal from the United States.)

The bill:

- waives certain grounds of inadmissibility;
- authorizes the waiver of the continuous physical presence requirement if an alien's removal would cause extreme hardship to the alien or to the alien's spouse, children, parents, or domestic partner;
- authorizes an alien who has applied for status adjustment to work; and
- authorizes an alien who has been ordered removed or granted voluntary departure to apply for status adjustment.

An alien's spouse, parent, or unmarried child shall have his or her status adjusted to legal permanent resident if such person is eligible for status adjustment and applies within three years.

Aliens from countries that no longer have valid TPS designation and aliens who no longer have valid DED status are not included in this bill unless such TSP or DED status expires on or after January 1, 2017.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 21, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Nov 3, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 3, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.