

HR 4340

American LAWS Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Brat, Dave [R-VA-7]

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

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| Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21] | R · TX | | Nov 9, 2017 |
| Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3] | R · SC | | Nov 15, 2017 |
| Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5] | R · AL | | Nov 16, 2017 |
| Rep. Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. [R-VA-5] | R · VA | | Nov 16, 2017 |
| Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11] | R · PA | | Nov 24, 2017 |
| Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5] | R · SC | | Nov 29, 2017 |
| Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4] | R · AL | | Dec 4, 2017 |
| Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4] | R · AZ | | Dec 4, 2017 |
| Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36] | R · TX | | Dec 11, 2017 |
| Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1] | R · MD | | Dec 11, 2017 |
| Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11] | R · NC | | Dec 11, 2017 |
| Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4] | R · IN | | Dec 13, 2017 |
| Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5] | R · AZ | | Dec 19, 2017 |
| Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4] | R · MS | | Jan 9, 2018 |
| Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6] | R · TN | | Apr 18, 2018 |
| Rep. Holding, George [R-NC-2] | R · NC | | Aug 3, 2018 |
| Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27] | R · TX | | Sep 13, 2018 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | Nov 9, 2017 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Dec 13, 2017 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred To | Nov 9, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|--------------|---|
| 115 S 2082 | Related bill | Nov 6, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |
| 115 HR 3711 | Related bill | Oct 25, 2017: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 20 - 10. |
| 115 HR 1178 | Related bill | Mar 16, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. |
| 115 S 354 | Related bill | Feb 13, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |

Summary (as of Nov 9, 2017)

American Labor, Wages, and Sovereignty Act or the American LAWS Act

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to: (1) eliminate the diversity immigrant program, and (2) reduce the worldwide fiscal year level for family-sponsored immigration.

Legal Workforce Act

The bill revises the employment eligibility verification process. It also increases employer penalties for the unlawful hiring of illegal aliens.

The bill establishes a nonimmigrant alien visa for the parent of a U.S. citizen who is at least 21 years old.

The Department of Homeland Security shall establish: (1) an employment eligibility verification system (EEVS), patterned after the E-Verify system; (2) programs to block the use of misused social security numbers and suspend the use of social security account numbers of identity fraud victims; and (3) at least two Identity Authentication Employment Eligibility Verification pilot programs using distinct technologies to provide employers with identity authentication and employment verification of new employees.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 13, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 9, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and the Workforce, 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.