

HR 4340

American LAWS Act

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Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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.