

HR 5000

Free to Fly Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 14, 2018
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 13, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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The bill modifies definitions relating to aviation to permit a foreign air carrier to own U.S. domestic air routes. The foreign carrier may establish U.S.-based subsidiaries for such purpose.

All foreign-owned air carriers that obtain a certificate to fly domestic routes may only hire U.S. citizens or nationals, or permanent legal residents. The Department of Transportation (DOT) may issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity to a foreign air carrier with a board of directors that is comprised of more than 49% non-U.S. citizens.

The bill expands the scope of the President's review of DOT actions involving foreign air carriers.

The Department of Defense may waive citizenship requirements for certain foreign air carriers participating in the civil reserve air fleet.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 14, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Feb 14, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.
- **Feb 13, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 13, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.