

HR 573

Baseball Diplomacy Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 13, 2017
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill waives certain foreign assistance and trade and travel prohibitions against Cuba under specified federal law regarding Cuban nationals who: (1) enter the United States on a visa to play organized professional baseball, and (2) return to Cuba with their baseball earnings. Such visa shall be valid only for the duration of the season and need not be renewed as long as the player remains with the same team.

The bill prohibits the President from denying visas to such nationals based upon authority under the Immigration and Nationality Act to restrict any entry of aliens or class of aliens that would be detrimental to U.S. interests.

This bill shall not be affected by the economic embargo requirements against Cuba under the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 8, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jan 13, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 13, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.