

HR 1044

Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

Introduced: Feb 7, 2019

Current Status: Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Latest Action: Message on Senate action sent to the House. (Dec 3, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]

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

Cosponsors (250 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Cox, TJ [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Feb 7, 2019

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Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Marshall, Roger [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	R · KY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Feb 7, 2019

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Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Rigglesman, Denver [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Shalala, Donna E. [D-FL-27]	D · FL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Woodall, Rob [R-GA-7]	R · GA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Feb 7, 2019
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2019

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Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Watkins, Steve [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Feb 19, 2019
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Feb 19, 2019
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Feb 19, 2019
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Feb 19, 2019
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Feb 19, 2019
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Feb 19, 2019
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Feb 19, 2019
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Feb 19, 2019
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Feb 19, 2019
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Feb 19, 2019
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Feb 19, 2019
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. McAdams, Ben [D-UT-4]	D · UT		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Brindisi, Anthony [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Feb 26, 2019

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Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Wright, Ron [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Mar 5, 2019
Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Mar 8, 2019
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Mar 8, 2019
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Mar 8, 2019
Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Mar 8, 2019
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Mar 8, 2019
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Mar 8, 2019
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Mar 8, 2019
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Mar 8, 2019
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Mar 8, 2019
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Mar 8, 2019
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Mar 8, 2019
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Mar 8, 2019
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Mar 8, 2019
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Mar 8, 2019
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Mar 12, 2019
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Mar 12, 2019

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Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Mar 12, 2019
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Mar 12, 2019
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Mar 12, 2019
Rep. Fulcher, Russ [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Mar 12, 2019
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Mar 12, 2019
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Mar 12, 2019
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Mar 12, 2019
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Mar 12, 2019
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Mar 12, 2019
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Mar 12, 2019
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26]	D · FL		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Mar 14, 2019
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Steil, Bryan [R-WI-1]	R · WI		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Mar 26, 2019
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Mar 26, 2019
Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7]	D · TX		Mar 26, 2019
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Mar 26, 2019
Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2019
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Mar 27, 2019
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Mar 27, 2019
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Apr 2, 2019
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Apr 2, 2019
Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Apr 2, 2019
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Apr 2, 2019
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Apr 2, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2019
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 2, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5327	Related bill	Jan 30, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 S 2603	Related bill	Oct 16, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR S5843-5845)
116 S 386	Related bill	Feb 7, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 S 328	Related bill	Feb 4, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2020

This bill modifies requirements related to employment-based visas, changes annual limits on certain visas, and contains other related provisions.

The bill increases the per-country cap on family-based immigrant visas from 7% of the total number of such visas available that year to 15%, eliminates the 7% cap for employment-based immigrant visas, and limits the percentage of employment-based visas which may go to an alien on an H-1B (specialty profession) or H-4 (family member of H-1B visa holder) nonimmigrant visa.

The bill establishes various transition rules for employment-based visas such as (1) reserving a percentage of EB-2 (workers with advanced degrees or exceptional ability) and EB-3 (skilled and other workers) visas for individuals not from the two countries with the largest number of recipients of such visas, (2) reserving a percentage of visas for certain immigrants with approved backlogged petitions, and (3) allotting a number of visas for eligible professional nurses and physical therapists.

The bill removes an offset that reduced the number of visas for individuals from China and also bars an alien affiliated with China's military forces from obtaining permanent legal resident status.

The bill also imposes additional requirements on an employer seeking an H-1B visa, such as (1) requiring an employer to provide certain information in a new application for such a visa, such as the qualifications and application process for the position; (2) prohibiting an employer from advertising that the open position is only available to an H-1B applicant or that an H-1B applicant is preferred; and (3) prohibiting an employer of a certain size from having more than half of its employees as H-1B or other nonimmigrant visa workers.

The Department of Labor shall create a publicly-available website where an employer seeking an H-1B visa shall post certain information about the open position to be filled by the H-1B worker.

The bill also expands Labor's authority to review and investigate H-1B applications for fraud or misrepresentations of material fact, whereas currently Labor is generally only authorized by statute to review applications for completeness and obvious inaccuracies. The bill also increases civil monetary fines for certain visa-related violations.

The bill also establishes a mechanism allowing an eligible alien (and the alien's dependents) to obtain authorization to work or travel outside of the United States, if the alien has an approved immigrant visa petition but is awaiting an immigrant visa to become available. Generally, this mechanism shall be available to an alien on an employment-based nonimmigrant visa who files an application with the Department of Homeland Security at least two years after the immigrant visa petition was approved.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 3, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7170)
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7183-7187)
- **Dec 2, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S7183-7187)
- **Jul 11, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jul 10, 2019:** Ms. Lofgren moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 10, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5323-5328)
- **Jul 10, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1044.
- **Jul 10, 2019:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jul 10, 2019:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5336)
- **Jul 10, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 365 - 65 (Roll no. 437).(text: CR H5323-5324)
- **Jul 10, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 365 - 65 (Roll no. 437). (text: CR H5323-5324)
- **Jul 10, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 18, 2019:** Motion to place bill on Consensus Calendar filed by Ms. Lofgren.
- **Mar 22, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 7, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.