

HR 1078

Repatriate Our Patriots Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (41 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Feb 25, 2019
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Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Mar 5, 2019
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Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 5, 2019
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Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Mar 13, 2019
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Mar 13, 2019
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Apr 12, 2019
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Apr 15, 2019
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Apr 25, 2019
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Apr 25, 2019
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		May 1, 2019
Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		May 2, 2019
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		May 22, 2019
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		May 22, 2019
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Jun 10, 2019
Rep. Brindisi, Anthony [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jul 10, 2019
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Aug 2, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Sep 10, 2019
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Sep 10, 2019
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. Torres Small, Xochitl [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Feb 25, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 8, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2019
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 1, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 7, 2019)

Repatriate Our Patriots Act

This bill protects certain veterans of the Armed Forces from removal from the United States, and provides such veterans with an expedited procedure for naturalization.

The bill applies to "special veterans," defined as persons who served in the active Armed Forces, who were (1) honorably discharged or released; (2) not convicted of various crimes, including voluntary manslaughter, murder, rape, or terrorism; and (3) not a child abuser or pedophile.

Special veterans shall not be removed from the United States, and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall cancel any pending removal proceedings or orders against any such veterans. DHS shall establish a program to permit such veterans who were already removed from the United States to return to as an alien with permanent residence status.

Such veterans shall be entitled to all of the military benefits that they would be entitled to if they had never been removed from the United States.

Special veterans shall be naturalized upon filing an application, paying the relevant fees, and taking an oath of allegiance. DHS shall take steps to ensure such naturalization applications are pending for no longer than 90 days.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 22, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Mar 1, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Feb 8, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 7, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Veterans' Affairs, 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.