

HR 1169

Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Mar 11, 2019
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Mar 18, 2019
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Mar 18, 2019
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Apr 29, 2019
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		May 14, 2019
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jul 2, 2019
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Oct 8, 2019
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Feb 4, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 25, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 456	Identical bill	Feb 12, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1277)

Summary (as of Feb 13, 2019)

Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 2019

This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to grant permanent residence status to qualifying nationals of Liberia.

The program shall be available to a Liberian national who has been continuously present in the United States from November 20, 2014, until the filing of an application for adjustment to permanent residence status, or the spouse, parent, or child of such an individual. The individual must apply within one year of the bill's enactment, be otherwise eligible to receive an immigrant visa, and not be inadmissible under various grounds. Certain grounds for inadmissibility under the Immigration and Nationality Act, such as being a public charge, shall not apply.

An individual shall be ineligible if the individual has been convicted of an aggravated felony, convicted of two or more crimes involving moral turpitude, or has participated in the persecution of a person for reasons such as race, nationality, or political opinion.

DHS shall promulgate regulations to establish procedures by which an alien who is subject to a final order of deportation, removal, or exclusion may seek a stay of such order based on the filing of an application to adjust status. If there is no such final order, DHS shall stay removal proceedings if a qualified alien submits an application for adjustment of status.

DHS shall authorize an individual for employment if that individual's application has been pending for more than 180 days, and may also provide employment authorization before that.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 13, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.