

HR 194

Iran Human Rights and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Mar 6, 2019
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Mar 11, 2019
Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]	R · AL		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Jul 24, 2019
Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	R · NC		May 15, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2019
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 3, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 31, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill directs the President to impose sanctions on those responsible for human rights violations related to Iran's government.

The President shall impose sanctions on Iranian persons responsible for or complicit in politically-motivated harassment, abuse, extortion, or extended detention or trial of (1) U.S. citizens and permanent residents, (2) Iranian citizens and residents, or (3) persons of Iranian origin. The sanctions shall include denial and revocation of visas, blocking of property, and restrictions on financial transactions.

The immediate family members of such sanctioned individuals shall be ineligible for admission into the United States, and current visas of such family members shall be revoked.

The bill also directs the Department of State to report on a strategy to prevent the Iranian government from taking hostage of or arbitrarily detaining U.S. citizens.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 31, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Financial Services, and Ways and Means, 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.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

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