

## HR 213

Baseball Diplomacy Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

**Introduced:** Jan 3, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Jan 3, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Apr 25, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 3, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

International Affairs

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Baseball Diplomacy Act

This bill waives various embargo and immigration restrictions in order to allow Cuban nationals to enter the United States to play organized professional baseball.

U.S. embargo authority may not regulate or prohibit various transactions by or on behalf of such a Cuban national, nor may the individual be prohibited from returning to Cuba with the earnings made from playing professional baseball. The President's authority to bar an alien whose entry is deemed to be detrimental to U.S. interests may not be used to deny a visa to a Cuban national entering to play baseball.

Such an individual may obtain a visa to remain in the United States only for the duration of the baseball season. The visa need not be renewed for reentry into the United States during the term of a contract between the individual and the team for which the individual played in the preceding season.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** 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.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.