

## HR 2187

### JOLT Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (May 15, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]

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

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Apr 9, 2019
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 8, 2019
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		May 8, 2019
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		May 8, 2019
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [D-NJ-2]	D · NJ		May 8, 2019
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		May 16, 2019
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Jun 10, 2019
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jun 10, 2019
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jun 28, 2019
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Jun 28, 2019
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Dec 3, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4498	Related bill	Oct 28, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 S 2507	Related bill	Sep 18, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 3241	Related bill	Jun 28, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

## **Jobs Originated through Launching Travel Act of 2019 or the JOLT Act of 2019**

This bill establishes a nonimmigrant visa for qualified Canadian citizens and makes various amendments related to nonimmigrant visas.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may admit as a visitor a Canadian citizen who (1) is at least 50 years old, (2) maintains a residence in Canada, (3) owns a U.S. residence or has signed a rental agreement for the duration of the stay, (4) is not inadmissible or deportable under various provisions, (5) will not engage in U.S. employment, and (6) will not seek U.S. assistance or benefits. Such visitors may be admitted for up to 240 days out of any single 365-day period.

The Visa Waiver Program (program allowing citizens of participating countries to visit the United States without a visa) shall be renamed the Secure Travel Partnership Program. The bill amends various provisions relating to the program, such as the maximum nonimmigrant visa refusal rate a qualifying country may have. DHS may waive the refusal rate requirement if a country meets other requirements, such as entering into intelligence collection and information sharing arrangements with the United States.

The Department of State shall set a goal of interviewing nonimmigrant visa applicants worldwide within 15 days of receiving the application and periodically report to Congress on efforts to meet this goal. The State Department shall conduct a pilot program for using secure remote videoconferencing technology for conducting visa interviews for certain classes of nonimmigrant visa applications.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **May 15, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Apr 9, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 9, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.