

## S 2478

### Bahamas Temporary Protected Status Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Sep 12, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 12, 2019
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Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 12, 2019
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Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Sep 12, 2019
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Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 12, 2019
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 12, 2019
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 12, 2019
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 12, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 12, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Sep 12, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 16, 2019
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 16, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Sep 26, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 12, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4303	Related bill	<b>Oct 2, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 HR 4272	Related bill	<b>Sep 25, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

Summary (as of Sep 12, 2019)

Bahamas Temporary Protected Status Act of 2019

This bill designates the Bahamas as a temporary protected status (TPS) country for 18 months from the enactment of this bill. (Qualified nationals of a TPS-designated country shall have work authorization and may not be removed from the United States while the designation is in effect.)

A Bahamian national shall qualify for temporary protected status if the individual (1) has been continuously physically present in the United States since the bill's enactment, (2) meets certain admissibility and eligibility requirements generally required for such status, and (3) registers with the Department of Homeland Security.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 12, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
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