

## S 2625

Syrian Allies Protection Act

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Oct 22, 2019
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Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Oct 22, 2019
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Oct 22, 2019
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 22, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 24, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Oct 24, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Oct 24, 2019
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 24, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Oct 24, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Nov 5, 2019
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 6, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Syrian Allies Protection Act**

This bill authorizes the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide certain Syrian nationals with special immigrant status.

To qualify, a Syrian national must (1) have worked directly with the Armed Forces in a role that was vital to the success of the U.S. military mission in Syria for at least six months during a specified time period, (2) have a favorable written recommendation from a general or flag officer in the chain of command of the unit that the alien was supporting, and (3) pass a background check. The spouse or child of a qualifying alien shall also qualify if accompanying the qualifying alien.

To receive special immigrant status, a qualified alien must apply to DHS and be otherwise eligible for an immigrant visa and admissible for permanent residence, except that an alien shall not be inadmissible on the grounds that the alien will likely become a public charge. Aliens granted special immigrant status under this bill shall qualify for benefits available to refugees for six months. Up to 250 principal aliens may receive special immigrant status each fiscal year under this bill.

For applicants whose lives are at risk while awaiting background checks, the Department of Defense shall implement a framework to temporarily resettle such applicants in a safe third country or grant them humanitarian parole.

DHS may provide lawful permanent resident status to an alien paroled or admitted as a nonimmigrant and who otherwise qualifies for special immigrant status under this bill.

## **Actions Timeline**

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