

HR 2813

Asylum Seeker Work Authorization 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. (Jun 26, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]

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

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		May 16, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		May 16, 2019
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		May 16, 2019
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		May 16, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 22, 2019
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jun 3, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jun 3, 2019
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jun 19, 2019
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Aug 27, 2019
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Aug 27, 2019
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Aug 27, 2019
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Nov 21, 2019
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jan 28, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 26, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3048	Related bill	Dec 12, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S7030)

Summary (as of May 16, 2019)

Asylum Seeker Work Authorization Act of 2019

This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security to provide employment authorization for eligible asylum applicants. Currently, such individuals are not entitled to employment authorization but may be granted such by the Department of Justice.

Such employment authorization shall last for one year and be renewable for one-year terms during the period necessary to adjudicate the applicant's asylum claim.

The bill also shortens the waiting period for receiving employment authorization to 30 days from the filing of the asylum application.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **May 16, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 16, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.