

HR 2988

Protecting American Lives Act

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Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Jun 18, 2019
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Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Jun 18, 2019
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Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Jun 21, 2019
Rep. Harris, Andy [R-MD-1]	R · MD		Jun 21, 2019
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jun 27, 2019
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jul 11, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Jul 16, 2019
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Jul 22, 2019
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Sep 18, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 23, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Protecting American Lives Act

This bill imposes requirements related to state and local cooperation with federal immigration enforcement efforts and increases criminal penalties for certain removed aliens who reenter the United States.

A state or local government jurisdiction shall be ineligible for certain federal law enforcement grants if the jurisdiction has a statute, policy, or practice (1) to not comply with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) detainer requests, or (2) prohibiting the jurisdiction's law enforcement officers from assisting with federal immigration law enforcement. (A detainer is a DHS request that a jurisdiction hold an alien in its custody until that alien can be transferred to federal custody.)

Compliance with a detainer request shall be an action under color of federal authority for immunity and liability purposes in a civil action.

A state or local jurisdiction shall timely inform DHS about an alien believed to be inadmissible or deportable in the jurisdiction's custody. DHS shall reimburse each jurisdiction for reasonable costs incurred from this requirement.

The bill imposes a minimum imprisonment term of five years for certain aliens who without authorization reenter the United States after being removed or denied admission. Such an alien shall be criminally fined, imprisoned, or both.

It shall be unlawful for a state or local jurisdiction to discriminate against a law enforcement officer for complying with a detainer request.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 28, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **May 23, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 23, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.