

## HR 3312

Family Reunification Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2019
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jan 8, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 30, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

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This bill revives an expired program that allows qualified aliens with certain familial or employment ties to the United States to apply for lawful permanent resident status. The deadline for applying for such status shall be five years after the enactment of this bill, where the deadline under current law was April 30, 2001. (Generally, a qualifying alien under the program must be one who (1) entered the United States without inspection or falls into other specified categories, (2) is the beneficiary of a petition for lawful permanent status based on family sponsorship or for performing certain labor where there are not sufficient workers available for such labor, and (3) was physically present in the United States on December 21, 2000.)

The bill also prohibits the removal of an alien who (1) has a pending petition for lawful permanent status based on being the spouse or child of a U.S. citizen, and (2) is prima facie eligible for lawful permanent status.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 30, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jun 18, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 18, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.