

HR 4873

Syrian Partner Protection Act

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Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Oct 28, 2019
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Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Oct 28, 2019
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Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Nov 1, 2019
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Nov 1, 2019
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Nov 20, 2019
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Dec 6, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Dec 6, 2019
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Dec 6, 2019
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Jan 24, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 28, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 18, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5210	Related bill	Dec 19, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 S 2936	Related bill	Nov 21, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Syrian Partner Protection Act

This bill authorizes the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide special immigrant status to qualified aliens who assisted U.S. efforts in Syria against the Islamic State. (A special immigrant is qualified to become a permanent resident)

A qualifying alien is a Syrian national (or stateless person who habitually resided in Syria) who (1) partnered with or worked for the United States in Syria in a sensitive and trusted capacity (such as an interpreter) on or after January 1, 2014, for at least one year, and (2) provided documented service to U.S. efforts against the Islamic State. The spouse or child of such an alien shall also qualify for special immigrant status.

DHS may admit up to 4,000 principal aliens under this bill each fiscal year for the five fiscal years after this bill's enactment. Unused visas at the end of a fiscal year shall carry forward and be available the next year. Aliens admitted under this bill shall not be subject to other numerical limitations.

If a qualifying alien applying for special immigrant status under this bill is in imminent danger, the Department of State shall provide protection to that alien.

An alien who has received special immigrant status under this bill shall be eligible for benefits generally available to admitted refugees, such as resettlement assistance.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 18, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Oct 28, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 28, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.