

## HR 5507

### Foreign National Firearms Background Check Enhancement Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Jan 28, 2020)

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## Sponsor

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Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Dec 19, 2019
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Jan 16, 2020
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Feb 5, 2020
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Feb 26, 2020
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 28, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires a nonimmigrant alien to get Department of Justice (DOJ) approval before purchasing a firearm. Specifically, the party transferring the firearm to the alien must receive a copy of the DOJ waiver or confirm with the DOJ that such an alien falls within specified exceptions, such as the alien possessing a U.S. hunting license. Currently, a nonimmigrant alien may acquire a firearm if the alien qualifies for one of the specified exceptions without acquiring DOJ approval.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 28, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 19, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.