HR 5507

Foreign National Firearms Background Check Enhancement Act

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

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 19, 2019)

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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

- **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.

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