

## HR 559

### Northern Mariana Islands Long-Term Legal Residents Relief Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Jan 15, 2019

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 116-24.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 116-24. (Jun 25, 2019)

**Law:** 116-24 (Enacted Jun 25, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/559>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Mar 26, 2019
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Apr 8, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 15, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 560	Related bill	Feb 27, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## **Northern Mariana Islands Long-Term Legal Residents Relief Act**

This bill grants Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Resident status to certain aliens who have resided continuously and lawfully in the CNMI since November 28, 2009. An individual with such status shall be (1) authorized to work in the CNMI; (2) issued travel documentation; and (3) inadmissible to the United States at any port of entry outside of the CNMI, with the exception of Guam in certain instances.

To qualify for CNMI Resident status, an alien must meet various requirements, such as having (1) been lawfully present in the CNMI on the date of this bill's enactment or on December 31, 2018; and (2) resided continuously and lawfully in CNMI from November 28, 2009, through this bill's enactment.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 25, 2019:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 25, 2019:** Signed by President.
- **Jun 25, 2019:** Became Public Law No: 116-24.
- **Jun 24, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 20, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S4195)
- **Jun 20, 2019:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S4195)
- **Jun 4, 2019:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Jun 3, 2019:** Mr. Case moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 3, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4201-4203)
- **Jun 3, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 559.
- **Jun 3, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4201-4202)
- **Jun 3, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4201-4202)
- **Jun 3, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jan 15, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 15, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.