

## HR 5708

### Empowering Immigration Courts Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Jan 29, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Jan 29, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/5708>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Feb 5, 2020
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Feb 6, 2020
Rep. Wright, Ron [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Feb 12, 2020
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Feb 13, 2020
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Mar 2, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 29, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jan 29, 2020)

#### Empowering Immigration Courts Act

This bill authorizes immigration judges to impose a fine for contempt in accordance with the criminal code. Currently, the Department of Justice is authorized to prescribe regulations providing immigration judges with such authority, but has not done so.

## Actions Timeline

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