

HR 641

Agricultural Worker Program Act of 2019

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Jan 17, 2019
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Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jan 17, 2019
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Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Jan 17, 2019
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Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jan 17, 2019
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Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2019
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Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Feb 5, 2019
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Feb 19, 2019
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Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Mar 25, 2019
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Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Apr 4, 2019
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Apr 4, 2019
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Apr 8, 2019
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Apr 29, 2019
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Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Aug 23, 2019
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Sep 3, 2019
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Sep 20, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Sep 24, 2019
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2019

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2019
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Oct 15, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 4, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 17, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4151	Related bill	Aug 28, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 S 175	Related bill	Jan 17, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S294)

Summary (as of Jan 17, 2019)

Agricultural Worker Program Act of 2019

This bill establishes a program for alien agricultural workers to obtain temporary resident status ("blue card status") and procedures to obtain permanent resident status.

An alien shall qualify for the status if he or she performed the required amount of qualified agricultural work. The Department of Homeland Security may grant blue card status to qualified individuals who pass security checks and are not disqualified for various reasons, such as an aggravated felony conviction. DHS may waive certain disqualifications for humanitarian or public interest reasons.

Blue card holders shall be authorized for employment in the United States and travel outside the United States. Such individuals shall be ineligible for various federal benefits, including the healthcare premium assistance tax credit.

Individuals going through deportation or removal proceedings shall be given a chance to apply for blue card status if they qualify.

Blue card holders may apply for permanent resident status, subject to various requirements, including work requirements over a specified time period and payment of federal taxes. Blue card status shall not last longer than eight years.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 4, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jan 17, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 17, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.