

HR 8225

Fight Notario Fraud Act of 2020

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Oct 19, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Sep 11, 2020
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Sep 15, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 24, 2020
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 19, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill prohibits certain types of fraud or misrepresentations related to immigration matters, provides for criminal penalties for such actions, and contains related provisions.

Specifically, a person shall be subject to fines, imprisonment, or both, if that person knowingly executes a scheme related to immigration laws to (1) defraud another, or (2) receive anything of value from another based on false pretenses or representations. Such a person shall be subject to additional criminal penalties if that person (1) threatens to report another to federal or state authorities, (2) takes actions or makes attempts to adversely impact another's immigration status, or (3) demands or retains anything of value for services fraudulently performed or not performed.

Similarly, a person shall be subject to fines, imprisonment, or both, if the person knowingly and falsely claims to be an attorney or an accredited representative in any matter arising under the immigration laws. (An accredited representative is an individual authorized by the Executive Office of Immigration Review to represent clients in certain immigration matters.)

The bill provides for longer terms of imprisonment for a person who causes a cumulative loss of more than \$10,000 through actions prohibited under this bill.

The Department of Justice shall establish at least 15 Special U.S. Attorney positions to enforce these provisions and take other actions related to enforcement and protecting consumers from fraudulent immigration schemes.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 19, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Ms. Bass moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5149-5151)
- **Oct 1, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 8225.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5149-5150)
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 24, 2020:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 116-533.
- **Sep 24, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 433.
- **Sep 15, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 11, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 11, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.