

## HR 8992

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for certain succession reforms, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Dec 16, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security. (Dec 16, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 16, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8791	Related bill	<b>Nov 20, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

### Summary (as of Dec 16, 2020)

This bill modifies the line of succession for Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials.

Specifically, the bill provides that the Under Secretary for Management shall serve as the Acting Secretary if the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Associate Secretary are not available to exercise the duties of the Office of the Secretary. Current law makes no reference to the Associate Secretary.

The bill contains further requirements, including that an official must have served in DHS for at least 90 days prior to the designation to be within the line of succession to serve as acting head of a DHS component.

## Actions Timeline

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