

HR 919

Bird-Safe Buildings Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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

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Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jan 30, 2019
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Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Feb 5, 2019
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Feb 5, 2019
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Feb 15, 2019
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Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Mar 11, 2019
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [D-NJ-2]	D · NJ		Mar 25, 2019
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Apr 9, 2019
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Apr 30, 2019
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Apr 30, 2019
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		May 14, 2019
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		May 16, 2019
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		May 20, 2019
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 30, 2019
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Jun 10, 2019
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jun 14, 2019
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jun 27, 2019
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Aug 13, 2019
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Oct 8, 2019
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Oct 11, 2019

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Rep. Cunningham, Joe [D-SC-1]	D · SC		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jan 15, 2020
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Feb 11, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 7, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 30, 2019)

Bird-Safe Buildings Act of 2019

This bill requires each public building constructed, acquired, or of which more than 50% of the facade is substantially altered by the General Services Administration (GSA) to meet the following standards:

- at least 90% of the exposed facade material from ground level to 40 feet shall not be composed of glass or shall be composed of glass which employs any combination of the methods of modification described in this bill;
- at least 60% of the exposed facade material above 40 feet shall meet such modified glass standard;
- there shall not be any transparent passageways or corners;
- all glass adjacent to atria or courtyards containing water features, plants, and other materials attractive to birds shall meet the standard; and
- outside lighting shall be appropriately shielded and minimized subject to security and other mission related requirements.

The GSA must (1) ensure that actual bird mortality is monitored at each public building; and (2) reduce exterior building and site lighting for each public building, where practicable and consistent with the requirements for outside lighting.

The bill exempts from these requirements buildings and sites listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, the White House and its grounds, the Supreme Court building and its grounds, and the U.S. Capitol and its related buildings and grounds.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 7, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.