

## HR 1177

### U.S. Citizenship Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Feb 18, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Apr 28, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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

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Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Feb 18, 2021
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Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Feb 18, 2021
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Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Feb 18, 2021
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Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Feb 18, 2021
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Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Feb 18, 2021
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Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Feb 18, 2021
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Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021

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Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Auchincloss, Jake [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 22, 2021

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Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Kahele, Kaiali'i [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Mar 2, 2021

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Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Mar 2, 2021
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Mar 19, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Apr 19, 2021
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Apr 19, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		May 4, 2021
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		May 4, 2021
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		May 13, 2021
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Jun 23, 2021
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jul 28, 2021
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jul 28, 2021
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Mar 28, 2022
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		May 3, 2022
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Aug 2, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 18, 2021
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Feb 18, 2021
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 18, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 19, 2021
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 18, 2021
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 18, 2021
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 19, 2021
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 18, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 28, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 18, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 18, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 18, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3493	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 HR 5517	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 S 2954	Related bill	Oct 7, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S7001)
117 S 1514	Related bill	Apr 29, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
117 S 1515	Related bill	Apr 29, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
117 S 348	Identical bill	Feb 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## **U.S. Citizenship Act**

This bill establishes a path to citizenship for certain undocumented individuals. The bill also replaces the term *alien* with *noncitizen* in the immigration statutes and addresses other related issues.

Specifically, the bill establishes a new status of *lawful prospective immigrant*. This status shall be available to an applying noncitizen who meets certain requirements, including being continually present in the United States from January 1, 2021, and passing background checks. After at least five years with this status, an eligible noncitizen may apply for and receive permanent resident status.

The bill also provides permanent resident status to certain applying noncitizens, specifically for eligible noncitizens who (1) entered the United States as a minor, (2) were eligible for temporary protected status or deferred enforced departure on January 1, 2017, or (3) worked a certain amount of agricultural labor in the five years prior to applying.

Among other things, the bill also

- redefines for immigration purposes the term *conviction* to exclude convictions that have been expunged or vacated,
- requires the Department of State to implement a strategy to advance reforms in Central America and address key factors contributing to migration from the region to the United States,
- requires the State Department to establish refugee processing centers in Central America,
- requires Customs and Border Patrol sectors and stations to have a certain number of employees with certain qualifications such as paramedic training,
- generally prohibits religious discrimination in granting or denying immigration benefits, and
- establishes grant programs for providing training and services to immigrants.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Feb 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Feb 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 18, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 18, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Armed Services, Education and Labor, House Administration, Financial Services, Natural Resources, Oversight and Reform, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, Intelligence (Permanent Select), and Energy and Commerce, 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.