

HR 1201

International Human Rights Defense Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights. (Apr 2, 2021)

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| Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3] | D · KY | | Jun 24, 2021 |
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| Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5] | D · NJ | | Dec 22, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Foreign Affairs Committee | House | Referred to | Apr 2, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 424 | Identical bill | Feb 24, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. |

International Human Rights Defense Act of 2021

This bill establishes in the Department of State a permanent Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTQI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or intersex) Peoples who shall serve as the principal State Department advisor regarding human rights for LGBTQI people and represent the United States in diplomatic matters relevant to the human rights of LGBTQI people.

The special envoy shall periodically provide Congress with a U.S. global strategy to prevent and respond to criminalization, discrimination, and violence against LGBTQI people. The State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development may provide assistance to prevent and respond to such activities against LGBTQI people.

The bill also requires that annual country reports on human rights practices include information on criminalization, discrimination, and violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights.
- **Feb 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 22, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.