

HR 1446

Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Clyburn, James E. [D-SC-6]

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

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Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Mar 2, 2021
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Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Mar 8, 2021
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Rep. Kahele, Kaiali'i [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Mar 8, 2021
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Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
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Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Mar 8, 2021

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Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Mar 8, 2021
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Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Mar 10, 2021
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Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Mar 10, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 1, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HRES 188	Procedurally related	Mar 8, 2021: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Mar 11, 2021)

Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021

(Sec. 2) This bill revises background check requirements applicable to proposed firearm transfers from a federal firearms licensee (e.g., a licensed gun dealer) to an unlicensed person.

Specifically, it increases the amount of time, from 3 business days to a minimum of 10 business days, that a federal firearms licensee must wait to receive a completed background check prior to transferring a firearm to an unlicensed person. (This type of transaction is often referred to as a default proceed transaction.)

If a submitted background check remains incomplete after 10 business days, then the prospective purchaser may submit a petition for a final firearms eligibility determination. If an additional 10 days elapse without a final determination, then the federal firearms licensee may transfer the firearm to the prospective purchaser.

(Sec. 3) The Government Accountability Office must report on the extent to which the changes have prevented firearms transfers to prohibited persons.

(Sec. 4) The Federal Bureau of Investigation must report on the number of petitions it receives for final federal firearms determinations.

(Sec. 5) The Department of Justice, in consultation with the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and Firearms, must report on further amendments to the background check process that would likely reduce the risk of death or great bodily harm to victims of domestic violence, domestic abuse, dating partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Actions Timeline

- **May 25, 2022:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 391.
- **May 24, 2022:** Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Pursuant to clause 1(c) of Rule XIX, the House resumed consideration of H.R. 1446.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1332-1334)
- **Mar 11, 2021:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question on agreeing to the motion to recommit H. R. 1446 which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 206 - 212 (Roll no. 76).
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 219 - 210 (Roll no. 77).(text: 3/10/2021 CR H1303)
- **Mar 11, 2021:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 219 - 210 (Roll no. 77). (text: 3/10/2021 CR H1303)
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Received in the Senate.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 188. (consideration: CR H1303-1314)
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 842, H.R. 8 and H.R. 1446. Rule provides for one hour of general debate for H.R. 842, H.R. 8, and H.R. 1446. The rule provides for a motion to recommit on H.R. 842, H.R. 8, and H.R. 1446.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 1446.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 188, the House proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Nadler en bloc amendment No. 1.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Mr. Hudson moved to recommit to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR H1314)
- **Mar 10, 2021:** The previous question on the motion was ordered without objection.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Hudson motion to recommit, the Chair put the question on agreeing to the motion to recommit and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Hudson demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Pursuant to clause 1(c) of Rule XIX, further consideration of H.R. 1446 is postponed.
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 188 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 842, H.R. 8 and H.R. 1446. Rule provides for one hour of general debate for H.R. 842, H.R. 8, and H.R. 1446. The rule provides for a motion to recommit on H.R. 842, H.R. 8, and H.R. 1446.
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Rule H. Res. 188 passed House.
- **Mar 1, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 1, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.