

HR 1630

Uyghur Human Rights Protection Act

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Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Sep 29, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 8, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 18, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1080	Related bill	Apr 13, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Mar 8, 2021)

Uyghur Human Rights Protection Act

This bill designates certain residents of the Xinjiang region in China as prioritized refugees of special humanitarian concern and addresses other related issues.

This priority designation shall apply to individuals (and the spouses, children, and parents of such individuals) who (1) reside in or fled Xinjiang and who suffered persecution on account of their peaceful political, religious, or cultural activities or associations, or have a well-founded fear of such persecution; or (2) have been formally charged, detained, or convicted for certain peaceful actions related to Xinjiang. Such an individual may not be denied admission into the United States based primarily on an arrest or other adverse government action due to that individual's participation in protests.

The bill also waives certain immigration-related requirements for such individuals.

Furthermore, a Chinese national seeking refugee status shall be considered to have been persecuted on account of political opinion if the Chinese government revoked that individual's residency in any region of China because the individual submitted a nonfrivolous application for a U.S. immigration benefit.

Similarly, if the Chinese government revoked a Chinese national's citizenship, nationality, or residency because that individual filed for a U.S. immigration benefit, that revocation shall constitute a changed circumstance. (Among other things, a changed circumstance may allow an individual who has been rejected for asylum to apply again.)

Actions Timeline

- **May 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.