

HR 1883

Protect America First Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (May 18, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Greene, Marjorie Taylor [R-GA-14]

Party: Republican • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Mar 16, 2021
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Apr 12, 2021
Rep. Miller, Mary E. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Feb 2, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 12, 2021
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Mar 12, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2021
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 12, 2021
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 13, 2021
Intelligence (Permanent Select) Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 12, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 19, 2021
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 12, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 12, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3462	Related bill	Jan 18, 2022: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 242.
117 HR 1496	Related bill	May 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 S 80	Related bill	Jan 28, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Mar 12, 2021)

Protect America First Act

This bill temporarily bars noncitizens from entering the United States and addresses related issues.

During the four-year period starting from this bill's enactment, any alien who unlawfully enters the United States at a port of entry without proof of citizenship shall be inadmissible.

The bill requires the detention of certain aliens (generally, those not legally present in the United States) who have been charged with any crime resulting in the death or serious bodily injury of another.

Furthermore, a state or local government shall be ineligible for certain federal assistance if that government has a law or policy that (1) violates certain laws about sharing immigration status information with federal officials, or (2) prohibits law enforcement from obtaining immigration status information from any individual.

The bill also requires (1) the Department of the Treasury to establish a fund for a barrier along the U.S.-Mexico border, and (2) the Department of Homeland Security to construct such a barrier by December 31, 2021.

The bill also reinstates certain immigration-related executive orders, including an order that generally barred nationals of certain countries (such as Somalia and Sudan) from entry, while rescinding other orders, including an order promoting access to voting for individuals legally entitled to vote. The bill also rescinds orders establishing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) programs. (Generally, DACA defers the deportation of eligible aliens who entered the United States as minors, while DAPA is a similar program for the alien parents of U.S. citizens or permanent residents.)

Actions Timeline

- **May 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Mar 16, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 13, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Mar 12, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 12, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, Ways and Means, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, House Administration, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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.
- **Mar 12, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.