

HR 1901

Stopping Border Surges Act

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Policy Area: Immigration

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

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| Rep. Fallon, Pat [R-TX-4] | R · TX | | Feb 2, 2022 |
| Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5] | R · CO | | Feb 25, 2022 |
| Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8] | R · NC | | Mar 29, 2022 |
| Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4] | R · CO | | Apr 14, 2022 |
| Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1] | R · KS | | May 3, 2022 |

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| Rep. Clyde, Andrew S. [R-GA-9] | R · GA | | May 19, 2022 |
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| Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19] | R · FL | | Jul 21, 2022 |
| Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17] | R · TX | | Dec 22, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Foreign Affairs Committee | House | Referred To | Mar 16, 2021 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | May 19, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 117 HR 7452 | Related bill | Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. |
| 117 S 884 | Identical bill | Mar 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. |
| 117 HR 1958 | Related bill | Mar 17, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. |

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This bill modifies immigration law provisions relating to unaccompanied alien minors and to asylum seekers.

For certain unaccompanied inadmissible alien children, generally those not at risk of being trafficking victims nor having a fear of persecution, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall repatriate the child. Currently, only inadmissible unaccompanied aliens from neighboring countries are subject to repatriation, and DHS has discretion whether to repatriate.

When HHS releases an unaccompanied child to an individual, it shall provide DHS with certain information about that individual, including Social Security number and immigration status.

The bill amends the definition of *credible fear of persecution* to require that such fear can be established by statements that are more probable than not. The bill also imposes certain rules relating to credible fear interviews, including requirements for recordings and interpreters.

If an alien is granted asylum because of fear of persecution in a country, the alien shall be deemed to have renounced asylum status by returning to that country, if there has been no change in the country's conditions.

The bill also (1) expands the definition of what constitutes a frivolous asylum application, (2) imposes additional limitations on eligibility for asylum, (3) shortens the deadline for applying for asylum, and (4) extends the time period an alien seeking asylum must wait before receiving employment authorization.

Any individual who knowingly and willfully makes materially false statements or uses fraudulent documents in asylum-related proceedings shall be fined or imprisoned up to 10 years, or both.

Actions Timeline

- **May 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Mar 18, 2021:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1514)
- **Mar 16, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 16, 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.