

HR 1995

Protecting Our Communities from Gang Violence Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 19, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1056	Related bill	Mar 25, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HR 71	Related bill	Mar 1, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

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This bill makes alien gang members inadmissible to the United States and deportable. It also authorizes revoking the citizenship of certain naturalized individuals who are members of a criminal gang.

The Department of Homeland Security may designate a group or association of five or more persons as a criminal gang if one of the group's primary purposes is the commission of certain crimes, and if the group's members have committed such crimes in a continuing series of such offenses within the past five years.

The Department of Justice shall take into custody any individual who is inadmissible or deportable due to an association with a criminal gang.

Individuals associated with a criminal gang shall be ineligible for asylum or temporary protected status. Prohibitions on removing an alien to a country where the alien's life or freedom would be threatened due to factors, such as the alien's membership in a particular social group, shall not apply to individuals associated with an alien criminal gang.

An alien affiliated with a criminal gang shall not be regarded as a person of good moral character for immigration purposes.

If a naturalized person becomes an associate of a criminal gang or has been convicted for or admits to certain criminal conduct within 10 years of naturalization, such conduct shall be *prima facie* evidence sufficient to revoke the order admitting the person to citizenship in the absence of countervailing evidence.

Actions Timeline

- **May 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Mar 17, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 17, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.