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Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2021

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NH • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (37 total)

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Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 10, 2021
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Jun 10, 2021
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 10, 2021
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jun 24, 2021
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Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Jun 24, 2021
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 24, 2021
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 24, 2021
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Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jul 21, 2021
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 27, 2021
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Jul 27, 2021
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Jul 27, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 29, 2021
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 29, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 29, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 29, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 29, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Aug 3, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 23, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 10, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3385	Related bill	Nov 9, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 HR 3237	Related bill	Jul 30, 2021: Became Public Law No: 117-31.
117 S 2311	Related bill	Jul 13, 2021: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 99.

Summary (as of Jun 10, 2021)

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This bill modifies a program providing special immigrant visas to eligible citizens or nationals of Afghanistan who assisted U.S. efforts there and addresses related issues.

The bill extends the program through 2023 and increases the number of visas available.

An individual may become eligible for a visa after assisting U.S. efforts in Afghanistan for one year, whereas currently some individuals must have served for two years. Furthermore, for an applicant qualifying for a visa by performing duties with a NATO mission in Afghanistan, the bill eliminates a requirement that the duties performed qualify as sensitive and trusted duties.

The bill removes a requirement that the individual has experienced or is facing an ongoing serious threat due to their assistance to the United States or NATO.

The Department of State or the Department of Homeland Security may postpone the program's medical examination requirement. An individual who received a postponement must undergo a medical exam within 90 days of admission into the United States.

The bill also expands surviving family member benefits for the Afghanistan program (and a similar program for Iraq) to a surviving spouse or child of an individual who submitted an application to the Chief of Mission that would have been approved but for the individual's death. Currently, such survivor benefits only apply if the deceased individual's petition was approved.

Actions Timeline

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