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SHIELD Act

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Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]

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Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Hagerty, Bill [R-TN]	R · TN		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Jul 13, 2021
Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	R · AL		Jul 15, 2021
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Jul 19, 2021
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 19, 2021
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jul 19, 2021
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Sep 30, 2021
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Sep 30, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 13, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4416	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

Securing the Homeland from International Entrants with Life-threatening Diseases Act or the SHIELD Act

This bill suspends for one year the admission and parole into the United States of certain categories of individuals who are from or were recently in a country that fails to meet certain criteria related to COVID-19.

This restriction applies to certain individuals entering the United States from Mexico or Canada through a port of entry or U.S. Border Patrol station and (1) whose country of origin has not been categorized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a low-risk country for COVID-19, or (2) who was in such a country at any time in the 30 days before arriving in the United States.

The bill exempts certain individuals from this restriction, including U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents, members of the Armed Forces, and persons from a foreign country who arrive at a designated port of entry with valid travel documents.

The Department of Homeland Security shall transport barred individuals to a foreign location, such as an individual's country of origin, to the extent practicable.

Actions Timeline

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