

HR 2480

Immigrants' Mental Health Act of 2021

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Oct 19, 2021)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Apr 13, 2021
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Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jun 28, 2021
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Sep 17, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Sep 17, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Sep 20, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 14, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4486	Related bill	Jun 23, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 S 1100	Related bill	Apr 13, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Apr 13, 2021)

Immigrants' Mental Health Act of 2021

This bill directs Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to take steps to address mental health issues among immigrants and CBP agents and officers. It also restricts the sharing of mental health information for use in certain immigration proceedings.

CBP shall develop training to enable its agents and officers to (1) identify mental health issues and risk factors in immigrants and refugees, (2) provide crisis intervention using a trauma-informed approach, and (3) better manage work-related stress and psychological pressures.

CBP shall assign at least one qualified mental or behavioral health expert to each Border Patrol station, port of entry, checkpoint, forward operating base, secondary inspection area, and short-term custody facility.

The Department of Health and Human Services may not provide to the Department of Homeland Security information about the mental health of an alien that was obtained by a mental health professional while the alien was in federal government custody if the information will be used for (1) an asylum determination, (2) an immigration hearing, or (3) a deportation hearing.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Apr 13, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 13, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.

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