

HR 2493

Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2021

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 13, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1083	Identical bill	Apr 13, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2021

This bill allows a beneficiary (or an heir of a beneficiary) of certain insurance policies in effect during the Holocaust to sue in U.S. district court to enforce rights under such policies.

An insurance policy covered under this bill must have been (1) in effect at any time between January 31, 1933, and December 31, 1945, and (2) issued to a policyholder domiciled in Nazi-controlled territory or Switzerland.

A court shall award to a prevailing beneficiary (1) the amount due under a policy, (2) prejudgment interest of 6% a year, (3) attorney's fees and costs, and (4) treble damages if the insurer acted in bad faith.

An action under this bill or state law related to a covered insurance policy shall be considered timely if filed within 10 years of this bill's enactment.

Judgments and agreements entered before this bill's enactment shall not preclude a claim brought under the bill, with certain exceptions. Neither executive agreements between the United States and a foreign government nor U.S. executive foreign policies shall (1) affect or preclude claims brought under this bill, or (2) supersede or preempt any state laws relating to insurance policies covered by this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.
- **Apr 13, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 13, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.