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SECURE Act

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Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 8, 2021
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Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Feb 25, 2021
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 5, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 15, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 22, 2021
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		May 11, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 11, 2021
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		May 11, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		May 19, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		May 28, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 16, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 16, 2022
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 22, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 9, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 8, 2021)

Safe Environment from Countries Under Repression and Emergency Act or the SECURE Act

This bill allows qualified nationals of a country that has or had a temporary protected status designation to obtain permanent resident status.

Such an alien qualifies for permanent residence if the alien

- had temporary protected status, qualified for such status on certain dates, or was present in the United States due to having been granted deferred enforced departure status that extended past a certain date;
- has been continuously present in the United States for three years before applying for adjustment or before being removed after a certain date;
- is not inadmissible or deportable for certain reasons; and
- passes applicable background checks.

The continuous presence requirement may be waived in certain instances.

A spouse, domestic partner, child, or unmarried child of a qualifying alien may also obtain permanent resident status under the bill upon meeting certain requirements.

An alien with a pending application shall receive work authorization and be eligible for travel authorization.

An alien may not be removed if the alien (1) has a pending application, or (2) is *prima facie* eligible for permanent resident status under this bill and intends to apply.

Information from applications may not be used or shared for immigration enforcement, with limited exceptions such as for identifying fraudulent claims.

The Department of Homeland Security must report to Congress when terminating a country's temporary protected status designation with an explanation justifying the termination.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 8, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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