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Emergency Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	May 14, 2021
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3385	Related bill	Nov 9, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 HR 4498	Related bill	Jul 16, 2021: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.
117 S 2311	Related bill	Jul 13, 2021: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 99.
117 S 2083	Related bill	Jun 16, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 S 2032	Related bill	Jun 10, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HRES 409	Procedurally related	May 19, 2021: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
117 HR 284	Related bill	Jan 12, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

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It also provides supplemental appropriations for the legislative branch to address COVID-19 and modifies requirements for certain programs that provide special immigrant status to eligible nationals of Afghanistan or Iraq,

TITLE I--DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

This title provides appropriations for the National Guard to respond to the events at the U.S. Capitol Complex on January 6, 2021, and for related purposes.

The title also provides appropriations to the Department of Defense for overseas humanitarian, disaster, and civic aid.

TITLE II--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

This title provides appropriations to the Administration for Children and Families for refugee and entrance assistance activities.

The funding must be used for activities for Afghan individuals within the United States who have been granted special immigrant status.

TITLE III--LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

This title provides appropriations for the legislative branch to respond to the events at the U.S. Capitol Complex on January 6, 2021, and address COVID-19.

Specifically, the title provides appropriations for

- the Senate,
- the House of Representatives,
- the U.S. Capitol Police,
- U.S. Capitol Police Mutual Aid Reimbursements, and
- the Architect of the Capitol (AOC).

The title also provides appropriations for payments to the widows and heirs of deceased Members of Congress, including (1) Susan M. Wright, widow of the late Representative Ronald Wright; and (2) the heirs of the late Representative Alcee Hastings.

(Sec. 301) This section designates the wellness program of the U.S. Capitol Police as the Howard C. Liebengood Center for Wellness.

(Sec. 302) This section modifies the salary cap for the U.S. Capitol Police during 2021.

(Sec. 310) This section prohibits funds from being used to install permanent, above-ground fencing around the perimeter, or any portion thereof, of the U.S. Capitol Grounds.

(Sec. 311) With congressional approval, the AOC may accept contributions of, and incur obligations and make expenditures out of available appropriations for, supplies, products, and services necessary to respond to an emergency involving the safety of human life or the protection of property, as determined or declared by the Capitol Police Board.

TITLE IV--BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

This title provides appropriations to the Department of State for migration and refugee assistance to address humanitarian needs in Afghanistan and to assist Afghan refugees.

The title also provides appropriations to the State Department for the United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund.

(Sec. 401) This section increases the number of special immigrant visas available to qualified Afghan nationals who worked for the U.S. government or a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) mission in Afghanistan, extends the deadline for applying for such visas, and relaxes certain qualifications.

All applicants for such a visa must establish that the applicant was employed with the U.S. government or a NATO mission for one year, where currently some applicants must prove two years of employment. This section also eliminates a requirement that the applicant faces an ongoing serious threat in Afghanistan due to such employment.

Furthermore, for an applicant qualifying for a visa by performing duties for U.S. military personnel stationed with a NATO mission, this section eliminates a requirement that the duties performed qualify as sensitive and trusted duties.

This section also relaxes limits to appealing rejections for applications for such visas.

(Sec. 402) This bill authorizes the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to jointly postpone the medical exam requirement for individuals seeking entry into the United States under the program described in Section 401.

If an individual receives such a postponement, DHS shall ensure to the greatest extent possible that individual undergoes a medical exam no later than 30 days after admission into the United States. Such an individual's status as a lawful permanent resident shall be conditional until the individual undergoes the required medical exam.

(Sec. 403) This section modifies the immigration benefits of the surviving family members of certain deceased individuals.

The surviving spouse or child of a U.S. government employee abroad shall qualify as a special immigrant if that employee performed at least 15 years of faithful service or was killed in the line of duty.

This section also expands surviving family member benefits for certain programs that provide special immigrant status to eligible nationals of Afghanistan or Iraq, including the program described in Section 401. Specifically, if an individual submitted an application to the Chief of Mission that included an accompanying spouse or child and that application would have been approved but for the individual's death, the surviving spouse or child shall remain eligible to receive a visa under the respective program. Currently, such survivor rights only apply if the deceased individual's petition was approved.

(Sec. 404) If an individual has an approved petition under a program that provided special immigrant status to translators who worked for the Armed Forces in Afghanistan or Iraq but a visa is not immediately available, the State Department or DHS may convert that petition to an approved petition under another program which provides special immigrant status to

certain Iraqi nationals, if there are visas available under that second program. (DHS and the State Department currently only have the authority to convert petitions filed before October 1, 2008.)

TITLE V--DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

This title provides appropriations to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for state and local law enforcement assistance.

DOJ must use the funds for restoring funds that were used for extraordinary law enforcement and related costs directly associated with protection of the President-elect from November 4, 2020, until the inauguration of the President-elect as President.

TITLE VI--GENERAL PROVISIONS--THIS ACT

(Sec. 601) This section specifies that the funds provided by this bill are in addition to funds otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year involved.

(Sec. 602) Funds provided by this bill may not remain available beyond the current fiscal year, unless this bill provides otherwise.

(Sec. 603) Unless otherwise specified by this bill, the funds provided by this bill are subject to the authorities and conditions that apply to the applicable appropriations account for FY2021.

(Sec. 604) This section specifies that funding provided by this bill may only be used for the purposes specifically described in the bill. The section includes an exception for funds used to restore amounts for obligations incurred prior to the date of the enactment of this bill.

(Sec. 605) This section specifies that the term *coronavirus* in this bill means SARS-CoV-2 or another coronavirus with pandemic potential.

(Sec. 606) This section provides that amounts designated by this bill as emergency requirements are only available (or rescinded or transferred, if applicable) if the President subsequently designates the amounts and transmits the designations to Congress.

(Sec. 607) This section specifies that the emergency funds that are transferred pursuant to this bill retain the emergency designation.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2021:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 30, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 30, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 117-31.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S5154-5156)
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate, under the order of 7/29/21, having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 98 - 0. Record Vote Number: 287.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Passed Senate, under the order of 7/29/21, having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 98 - 0. Record Vote Number: 287.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Ms. DeLauro moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H4265-4270)
- **Jul 29, 2021:** The House proceeded with 40 minutes of debate on the motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3237.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 416 - 11 (Roll no. 250).(text: CR H4265-4267)
- **Jul 29, 2021:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 416 - 11 (Roll no. 250). (text: CR H4265-4267)
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 24, 2021:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 63.
- **May 20, 2021:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 409. (consideration: CR H2617-2632)
- **May 20, 2021:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3233 and H.R. 3237. Resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3233 and H.R. 3237 under a closed rule. The resolution provides that the previous question shall be ordered on both bills without intervening motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit.
- **May 20, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 3237.
- **May 20, 2021:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **May 20, 2021:** Mr. Gonzales, Tony moved to recommit to the Committee on Appropriations. (text: CR H2630-2631)
- **May 20, 2021:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **May 20, 2021:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 209 - 218 (Roll no. 155).
- **May 20, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 213 - 212, 3 Present (Roll no. 156).(text: CR H2617-2621)
- **May 20, 2021:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 213 - 212, 3 Present (Roll no. 156). (text: CR H2617-2621)
- **May 20, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 20, 2021:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **May 19, 2021:** Rule H. Res. 409 passed House.
- **May 18, 2021:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 409 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3233 and H.R. 3237. Resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 3233 and H.R. 3237 under a closed rule. The resolution provides that the previous question shall be ordered on both bills without intervening motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit.
- **May 14, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 14, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.