

HR 3343

Protecting America From Spies Act

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Sponsor

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Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]	R · FL		May 28, 2021
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Mar 18, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 9, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4792	Related bill	Sep 3, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
117 S 1722	Identical bill	May 19, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of May 19, 2021)

Protecting America From Spies Act

This bill expands the grounds for barring aliens who have engaged in acts relating to espionage or sabotage from entering the United States.

Specifically, any alien shall be inadmissible if the alien has engaged in or will engage in an act that (1) violates a U.S. law relating to espionage or sabotage; (2) would violate any U.S. law relating to espionage or sabotage if it occurred in the United States; or (3) violates any U.S. law prohibiting the export of goods, technology, or sensitive information. Currently, an alien shall be inadmissible if the alien seeks to enter the United States to engage in such an action.

Furthermore, the bill expands these grounds of inadmissibility and other security-related grounds to cover the spouse or child of the barred alien if the act occurred in the last five years.

The bill also modifies the authority of the Department of Justice to waive certain security-related grounds of inadmissibility for an alien applying for a nonimmigrant visa.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **May 19, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 19, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.