

HR 3907

Facial Recognition and Biometric Technology Moratorium Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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. (Jun 15, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]

Party: Democratic • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jun 15, 2021
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Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jul 21, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Dec 23, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jan 14, 2022
Rep. Bush, Cori [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Jun 8, 2022
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Aug 30, 2022
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Sep 15, 2022
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Nov 7, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 15, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 15, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2052	Identical bill	Jun 15, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jun 15, 2021)

Facial Recognition and Biometric Technology Moratorium Act of 2021

This bill imposes limits on the use of biometric surveillance systems, such as facial recognition systems, by federal and state government entities.

A federal agency or official may not in an official capacity acquire, possess, or use in the United States any such system or information obtained by such a system unless Congress passes an act that specifically authorizes such a use. Such an act of Congress must contain certain provisions, such as provisions naming the specific authorized entity and auditing requirements relating to the system.

Information obtained in violation of this bill shall not be admissible by the federal government in any proceeding or investigation, except in a proceeding alleging a violation of this bill.

An individual aggrieved by a violation of these restrictions shall have the right to sue. Any state officer authorized to sue on behalf of the state's residents shall also have the right to sue on behalf of the state's aggrieved residents.

A state or local government unit shall not receive certain federal law enforcement grants unless the government unit complies with a law or policy that is substantially similar to this bill's restrictions on acquiring and using biometric surveillance systems.

Actions Timeline

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