

HR 3975

Generalized System of Preferences and Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Modernization Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jun 17, 2021
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Dec 8, 2021
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Dec 16, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 17, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4037	Related bill	Jun 22, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
117 HR 219	Related bill	Jan 6, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Summary (as of Jun 17, 2021)

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This bill reauthorizes and revises specified U.S. trade programs and provisions.

Specifically, the bill extends through December 31, 2024, the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), which provides duty-free treatment to products imported from designated beneficiary countries. The bill makes various changes to the GSP, including by (1) adding human rights, environmental, and other criteria for designation as a beneficiary developing country; (2) requiring a review of laws relating to worker and gender rights; and (3) requiring a study on rules of origin and GSP utilization rates.

Additionally, the bill provides through December 31, 2023, and retroactively applies to 120 days before this bill's enactment, temporary duty suspensions or reductions to eligible imported products. This authorization is commonly known as the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB). The last version of the MTB was enacted in September 2018 and the temporary treatment for those products listed in the MTB expired on December 31, 2020.

The bill also extends the American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016 for two future MTB cycles (one in 2022 and one in 2025). This extension allows the U.S. International Trade Commission to conduct the MTB petition, review, and recommendation process for those additional cycles.

Actions Timeline

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