

HR 457

Correcting Hurtful and Alienating Names in Government Expression (CHANGE) Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Mar 5, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jan 25, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2021
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Oct 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 5, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 25, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3967	Related bill	Jun 16, 2022: Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Summary (as of Jan 25, 2021)

Correcting Hurtful and Alienating Names in Government Expression (CHANGE) Act

This bill prohibits any executive agency from using the term *alien* to refer to an individual who is not a U.S. citizen or national, or *illegal alien* to refer to such an individual who is unlawfully present in the United States or lacks lawful immigration status. This prohibition does not apply when quoting certain texts.

The bill (1) establishes a uniform definition for the term *foreign national* when used in acts of Congress and agencies; (2) replaces *alien* with *foreign national* in federal government documents, including statutes and regulations; and (3) replaces *illegal alien* with *undocumented foreign national* in such documents.

Under the bill, a *foreign national* is any individual other than an individual (1) who is a citizen of the United States; or (2) though not a citizen of the United States, who owes permanent allegiance to the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 5, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jan 25, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 25, 2021:** 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.