

## HR 4856

Canadian Snowbird Visa Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Jul 29, 2021

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Nov 1, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4856>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (12 total)

| Cosponsor                             | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]           | R · MI        |      | Jul 29, 2021 |
| Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]               | R · CO        |      | Jul 29, 2021 |
| Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1] | R · GA        |      | Jul 29, 2021 |
| Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]    | D · FL        |      | Jul 29, 2021 |
| Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]           | D · IL        |      | Jul 29, 2021 |
| Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]         | R · FL        |      | Jul 29, 2021 |
| Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]               | R · SC        |      | Jul 29, 2021 |
| Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]       | R · AZ        |      | Jul 29, 2021 |
| Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]          | R · FL        |      | Jul 29, 2021 |
| Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]     | D · VT        |      | Jul 29, 2021 |
| Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]           | R · AZ        |      | Aug 3, 2021  |
| Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]     | R · FL        |      | Aug 13, 2021 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|--------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee      | House   | Referred to | Nov 1, 2022  |
| Ways and Means Committee | House   | Referred To | Jul 29, 2021 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

### Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action   |
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| 117 S 2096 | Related bill | <b>Jun 17, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

## Canadian Snowbird Visa Act

This bill authorizes the Department of Homeland Security to admit into the United States qualifying Canadian citizens as long-term nonimmigrant visitors. A qualifying Canadian citizen is an individual who (1) is at least 50 years old, (2) maintains a Canadian residence, (3) owns a U.S. residence or has rented a U.S. accommodation for the duration of the individual's stay, (4) is not inadmissible or deportable, (5) will not engage in employment or labor for hire in the United States other than for a non-U.S.-based person or entity by whom the Canadian citizen was employed in Canada or for whom the Canadian citizen performed services in Canada, and (6) will not seek certain forms of assistance or benefits. A qualified individual may be admitted for up to 240 days during any single 365-day period.

The spouse of such an individual may be admitted under the same terms, except that the spouse is not required to separately satisfy the requirement for owning or renting a residence in the United States.

The bill grants an individual so admitted nonresident alien tax status.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.