

HR 560

Northern Mariana Islands Legal Residents Relief Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Sep 14, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 5, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 28, 2021

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill expands eligibility for obtaining Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Resident status, provides a path for holders of such status to obtain U.S. permanent resident status, and makes CNMI-only transitional workers eligible to receive government relief or assistance in connection with a declared emergency.

CNMI Resident status was available to qualifying individuals who applied for such status between February 19, 2020, and August 17, 2020. Among other requirements, a qualifying individual must have (1) been lawfully present in the CNMI on certain dates, and (2) continually and lawfully resided in the CNMI from November 28, 2009, through June 25, 2019.

The bill reopens the period for applying for such status for 180 days and authorizes the Department of Homeland Security to waive this deadline in certain instances.

The bill allows additional classes of individuals to qualify for CNMI Resident status, including an individual who (1) was admitted as a transitional worker during FY2015 and each subsequent fiscal year through FY2018, (2) is a qualified investor, or (3) resided in the CNMI as a guest worker for certain periods and is currently a transitional worker. The bill also waives the continual residence requirement for certain individuals and allows an individual lawfully present on December 31, 2020, to qualify.

A qualifying alien with CNMI Resident status may obtain U.S. permanent resident status after holding CNMI Resident status for five years or after this bill has been enacted for five years, whichever is later.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 5, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.