

## HR 6693

Asylum Seeker Work Authorization Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Feb 9, 2022

**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/6693>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Feb 9, 2022
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 9, 2022
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Feb 28, 2022
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Oct 28, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Asylum Seeker Work Authorization Act of 2022**

This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security to provide employment authorization for eligible asylum applicants. Currently, such individuals are not entitled to employment authorization but may be granted such by the Department of Justice.

Such employment authorization must last for at least two years and be renewable for two-year terms during the period necessary to adjudicate the applicant's asylum claim.

The bill also shortens the waiting period for receiving employment authorization to 30 days from the filing of the asylum application.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Feb 9, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 9, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.