

HR 7442

H-4 Work Authorization Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

Introduced: Apr 7, 2022

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

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

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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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.

Summary (as of Apr 7, 2022)

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This bill provides automatic employment authorization to a non-U.S. national (*alien* under federal law) admitted into the United States as a spouse of an H-1B visa holder (a nonimmigrant worker who is in a special occupation or a fashion model).

Currently, a spouse of an H-1B visa holder must apply separately to receive employment authorization.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Apr 7, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 7, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.