

## HR 97

Federal Death Penalty Abolition Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

**Introduced:** Jan 4, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. (Mar 1, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]

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

## Cosponsors (85 total)

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Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jan 4, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jan 4, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jan 4, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jan 4, 2021
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jan 4, 2021
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Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jan 4, 2021
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Jan 6, 2021
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Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Jan 6, 2021
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Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jan 6, 2021
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Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jan 6, 2021
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Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Jan 6, 2021

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Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Jan 6, 2021
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Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jan 6, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jan 12, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jan 21, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Feb 1, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Feb 2, 2021
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jul 1, 2021
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Kahele, Kaiali'i [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jul 16, 2021
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Jul 27, 2021

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Aug 3, 2021
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Oct 5, 2021

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 4, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 1, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 262	Related bill	<b>Mar 4, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 S 582	Related bill	<b>Mar 3, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR S1030)

## Summary (as of Jan 4, 2021)

### Federal Death Penalty Abolition Act of 2021

This bill prohibits the imposition of a death penalty sentence for a violation of federal law.

It eliminates statutory authority for the death penalty as a sentencing option for federal offenses.

It also requires a person who was sentenced to death before enactment of this bill to be resentenced.

## Actions Timeline

- **Mar 1, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jan 4, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.