

## HR 1075

Baseball Diplomacy Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Feb 17, 2023
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Apr 10, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 17, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 17, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Baseball Diplomacy Act**

This bill waives various embargo and immigration restrictions in order to allow Cuban nationals to enter the United States to play organized professional baseball.

U.S. embargo authority may not regulate or prohibit various transactions by or on behalf of a Cuban national entering to play professional baseball, nor may the individual be prohibited from returning to Cuba with the earnings made from playing baseball. The President's authority to bar an alien whose entry is deemed to be detrimental to U.S. interests may not be used to deny a visa to a Cuban national entering to play baseball.

An individual entering to play baseball may obtain a visa to remain in the United States only for the duration of the baseball season. The visa need not be renewed for reentry into the United States during the term of a contract between the individual and the team for which the individual played in the preceding season.

## **Actions Timeline**

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