

HR 3217

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 11, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 685	Related bill	Mar 7, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 1183	Related bill	Feb 24, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Updated Standards for Asylum Act of 2023 or the USA Act of 2023

This bill modifies standards and requirements related to individuals seeking asylum.

For an individual to establish a credible fear of persecution, the bill requires it to be more probable than not that the statements in support of the claim are true.

The bill also imposes certain rules relating to credible fear interviews, including requirements for recordings and interpreters. For example, the Department of Homeland Security must establish procedures to ensure that individuals subject to expedited removal are questioned in a uniform manner and that the questions and answers are recorded in a uniform fashion.

The bill also bars an individual from seeking asylum if that individual may be safely removed to a third country (i.e., not the individual's country of nationality), whereas currently this bar only applies if such removal is to a third country pursuant to an agreement with the United States.

If an individual is granted asylum because of fear of persecution in a country, the individual shall be deemed to have renounced asylum status by returning to that country, if there has been no change in the country's conditions.

Any individual who knowingly and willfully makes materially false statements or uses fraudulent documents in asylum-related proceedings shall be fined or imprisoned up to 10 years, or both.

Actions Timeline

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