

HR 3968

End Child Trafficking Now Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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## End Child Trafficking Now Act

This bill imposes restrictions related to adult non-U.S. nationals (*aliens* under federal law) being admitted into the United States with a minor.

Such an adult may not be admitted with a minor unless the adult (1) presents documents or witness testimony proving that the adult is a relative or guardian of the minor, or (2) submits to a DNA test that proves such a relationship. The Department of Homeland Security may request a DNA test only if the required relationship cannot be established by the presented documents or witness testimony. An adult who does not consent to a requested DNA test shall be inadmissible.

If the required relationship cannot be established and the immigration officer believes the adult is guilty of a felony offense, the officer may arrest the adult.

The bill makes it a crime for an adult to knowingly use a minor to whom the adult is not a relative or guardian to enter the United States.

## Actions Timeline

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