

HR 4352

Nicaragua Political Prisoner Support Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Account

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, 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. (Jun 23, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-28]	R · FL		Jun 23, 2023
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 23, 2023
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 23, 2023

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2165	Identical bill	Jun 22, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill provides various immigration-related benefits to certain Nicaraguan nationals who are in the United States as part of a political prisoner release.

Specifically, such individuals shall be eligible to receive (1) certain benefits that are available to admitted refugees, such as resettlement assistance; (2) certain assistance available to refugee children; and (3) a driver's license or identification card.

An eligible individual is a non-U.S. national (*alien* under federal law) who (1) is a citizen or national of Nicaragua (or an individual with no nationality who had resided in Nicaragua), (2) arrived in the United States on February 9, 2023, as part of a political prisoner release, (3) received a two-year humanitarian parole from the U.S. government, and (4) has completed the relevant security and law enforcement background checks. The parent, spouse, or child of such an eligible individual shall also be eligible for benefits under this bill.

Actions Timeline

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