

HR 4490

PARTNER Act

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Policy Area: International Affairs

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Jul 17, 2025
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jul 17, 2025
Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jul 17, 2025
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Jul 17, 2025
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Jul 17, 2025
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Jul 22, 2025
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 3, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 3865	Related bill	Jun 10, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
119 HR 3678	Related bill	Jun 3, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Providing Appropriate Recognition and Treatment Needed to Enhance Relations Act or the PARTNER Act

This bill authorizes the President to extend diplomatic immunities and privileges provided by the International Organizations Immunities Act, including immunity from certain lawsuits and exemption from property taxes, to specified international regional and research organizations.

Specifically, the bill authorizes the President to extend these immunities and privileges to

- the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), a regional organization with 10 members including Brunei, Indonesia, Singapore, and Vietnam;
- the Pacific Islands Forum, a regional organization with 18 members including Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, and Papua New Guinea;
- the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), a regional organization with 15 members and 6 associate members including Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica, and Saint Lucia; and
- the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), an international research organization focused on particle physics.

The bill also authorizes the President to extend to the permanent observer mission of the African Union to the United Nations the privileges and immunities provided to permanent missions to the United Nations of member states.

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