

Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 2018

Bill Summary

The bill authorizes the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to adjust to permanent resident status (“green card”) a Liberian national who:

1. has been continuously present in the United States between November 20, 2014, through the date on which the person submits the adjustment of status application; or
2. is the spouse, child, or unmarried son or daughter of such person.

Adjustment applications must be filed not later than one year after the date of enactment of this bill.

Individuals who have been convicted of an aggravated felony, convicted of two or more crimes involving moral turpitude, or has been involved in the persecution of another are not eligible.

Applicants under this bill may be authorized to work while the application is pending and DHS must provide work authorization if the application is pending more than 180 days.

HR 5072 (Sponsor: Rep. Keith Ellison's (MN-D))

- Co-sponsors (as of March 12, 2018):
 - Rep. James McGovern* (D-MA)
 - Rep. Donald Payne* (D-NJ)
 - Rep. Gwen Moore* (D-WI)
 - Rep. Barbara Lee* (D-CA)
 - Rep. James Langevin* (D-RI)
 - Rep. Erik Paulsen (R-MN)
 - Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-NY)

S. 2275 (Sponsor: Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI))

- Co-sponsors (as of March 12, 2018):
 - Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse* (D-RI)
 - Sen. Richard Durbin* (D-IL)
 - Sen. Amy Klobuchar* (D-MN)
 - Sen. Benjamin Cardin* (D-MD)
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