

H.R. 6679, No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on January 18, 2024

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2028	2024-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)	*	*	*
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	*
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes
		Mandate Effects	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between -\$500,000 and zero.			

H.R. 6679 would make an alien (a non-U.S. national) inadmissible to or deportable from the United States if that person is a member of Hamas or participated in the October 7, 2023, attacks against Israel. Participants in the October 7 attacks also would be ineligible for any form of relief from deportation under U.S. immigration law, including asylum or withholding of removal.

Under current law, engaging in terrorist activity, endorsing or espousing terrorist activity, or being a member of a terrorist organization makes an alien inadmissible to the United States, deportable from the United States, and ineligible for asylum. Further, aliens who participate in persecuting others based on race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion are ineligible for withholding of removal. Therefore, CBO expects that only a few people would be deported based solely on enacting this bill.

Enacting H.R. 6679 would reduce direct spending and spending subject to appropriation because aliens are eligible for certain federal benefits, such as emergency Medicaid, if they otherwise meet the eligibility requirements for those benefits. Because few people would be affected by the bill, CBO estimates that those effects would not be significant in any year and over the 2024-2033 period.

See also

[CBO's Cost Estimates Explained](#), [CBO Describes Its Cost-Estimating Process](#), [Glossary](#)



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