

2017 Bills About Cuba

H.R. 442: Cuba Trade Act of 2017

Tom Emmer

This bill repeals or amends current laws restricting trade with Cuba. The prohibition on assistance to Cuba, and the President's authority for the embargo on Cuba, under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 are eliminated.

The Cuban Democracy Act of 1992 is amended to eliminate:

- presidential authority to impose sanctions against Cuban trading partners,
- restrictions on transactions between U.S.-owned or controlled firms and Cuba,
- limitations on direct shipping between Cuban and U.S. ports, and
- restrictions on remittances.

The Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 is amended to eliminate:

- the enforcement of an economic embargo of Cuban provisions, and
- the prohibition on indirect financing of Cuba.

The Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 is amended to:

- remove Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism subject to agricultural and medical export restrictions;
- eliminate the prohibition on U.S. assistance, including foreign assistance, export assistance, and any credit or guarantees being made available for exports to Cuba;
- eliminate the prohibition against a U.S. person's providing payment or financing terms for sales of agricultural commodities or products to Cuba;
- prohibit the United States from providing any foreign assistance to Cuba or any financial assistance, loans, loan guarantees, extension of credit, or other financing for exports to Cuba; and
- eliminate the prohibition on the U.S. entry of merchandise that is of Cuban origin, is or has been located in or transported from or through Cuba, or is made or derived in whole or in part of any article which is the growth, produce, or manufacture of Cuba.

The federal government may not obligate or expend any funds to promote trade with or develop markets in Cuba, except through certain commodity promotion programs.

22 cosponsors (14R, 8D)

Amash, Justin [R-MI3]

Castor, Kathy [D-FL14]

Crawford, Eric "Rick" [R-AR1]

Lee, Barbara [D-CA13] (

McGovern, James "Jim" [D-MA2]

Pocan, Mark [D-WI2]

Poe, Ted [R-TX2]

Sanford, Marshall "Mark" [R-SC1]
Comer, James [R-KY1]
Doyle, Michael "Mike" [D-PA14]
Paulsen, Erik [R-MN3]
Moulton, Seth [D-MA6]
Velázquez, Nydia [D-NY7]
Weber, Randy [R-TX14]
Lewis, Jason [R-MN2]
Garrett, Thomas [R-VA5]
Marshall, Roger [R-KS1] (
Bergman, Jack [R-MI1]
Banks, Jim [R-IN3] (
Abraham, Ralph [R-LA5] (
Jones, Walter [R-NC3]

H.R. 351: Freedom to Travel to Cuba Act of 2017

Mark Sanford

Marshall "Mark" Sanford

Republican, Representative for South Carolina's 1st congressional district

This bill states that:

- the President may not prohibit or otherwise regulate travel to or from Cuba by U.S. citizens or legal residents, or any of the transactions incident to such travel, including banking transactions;
- any regulation in effect on the date of enactment of this Act prohibiting or otherwise regulating such travel or transactions incident to such travel shall cease to have any force or effect; but
- the prohibitions and requirements of this Act shall not apply if the United States is at war with Cuba, armed hostilities between the two countries are in progress, or there is imminent danger to the public health or the physical safety of U.S. travelers.

26 cosponsors (13R, 13D)

Amash, Justin [R-MI3]
Emmer, Tom [R-MN6]
Lee, Barbara [D-CA13]
Massie, Thomas [R-KY4]
McGovern, James "Jim" [D-MA2]
Castor, Kathy [D-FL14]
Budd, Ted [R-NC13]
Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR3] (
LaHood, Darin [R-IL18] (
Ferguson, Drew [R-GA3]
Banks, Jim [R-IN3]
Cohen, Steve [D-TN9]
Hanabusa, Colleen [D-HI1]
Nolan, Richard [D-MN8]
Tonko, Paul [D-NY20]
Jones, Walter [R-NC3]

Crawford, Eric "Rick" [R-AR1]
Ellison, Keith [D-MN5]

S. 472: Cuba Trade Act of 2017

Jerry Moran, Sponsor
Republican, Junior Senator from Kansas
No co-sponsors

This bill repeals or amends current laws restricting trade with Cuba. The prohibition on assistance to Cuba, and the President's authority for the embargo on Cuba, under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 are eliminated.

The Cuban Democracy Act of 1992 is amended to eliminate:

- presidential authority to impose sanctions against Cuban trading partners,
- restrictions on transactions between U.S.-owned or controlled firms and Cuba,
- limitations on direct shipping between Cuban and U.S. ports, and
- restrictions on remittances.

The Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 is amended to eliminate:

- the enforcement of an economic embargo of Cuban provisions, and
- the prohibition on indirect financing of Cuba.

The Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 is amended to:

- remove Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism subject to agricultural and medical export restrictions;
- eliminate the prohibition on U.S. assistance, including foreign assistance, export assistance, and any credit or guarantees being made available for exports to Cuba;
- eliminate the prohibition against a U.S. person's providing payment or financing terms for sales of agricultural commodities or products to Cuba;
- prohibit the United States from providing any foreign assistance to Cuba or any financial assistance, loan, loan guarantee, extension of credit, or other financing for exports to Cuba; and
- eliminate the prohibition on the U.S. entry of merchandise that is of Cuban origin, is or has been located in or transported from or through Cuba, or is made or derived in whole or in part of any article which is the growth, produce, or manufacture of Cuba.

S. 1286: Freedom to Export to Cuba Act of 2017

Amy Klobuchar
Democrat, Senior Senator from Minnesota

This bill amends: (1) the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to repeal the prohibition on assistance to Cuba and the President's authority for the embargo on Cuba, (2) the Trading with the Enemy Act to repeal the President's authority to continue direct restrictions on trade with Cuba, and (3) the Export Administration Act of 1979 to repeal the prohibitions on exports to Cuba.

The bill authorizes the President to: (1) impose export controls with respect to Cuba, and (2) exercise certain authorities under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act only on account of an unusual and extraordinary threat to U.S. national security.

The Cuban Democracy Act of 1992 is amended to eliminate:

- presidential authority to impose sanctions against Cuban trading partners,
- restrictions on transactions between U.S.-owned or controlled firms and Cuba,
- limitations on direct shipping between Cuban and U.S. ports, and
- restrictions on remittances.

The Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 is amended to eliminate provisions concerning:

- the enforcement of an economic embargo of Cuba;
- the prohibition on indirect financing of Cuba;
- opposition to Cuban membership in international financial institutions;
- opposition to ending Cuban suspension from the Organization of American States;
- certain import restrictions, including sugar restrictions;
- family remittance and travel to Cuba, news bureaus in Cuba, and extradition of persons sought by the Department of Justice for crimes committed in the United States; and
- assistance to a free and independent Cuba.

The Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 is amended to:

- remove Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism subject to agricultural and medical export restrictions; and
- repeal the prohibition on the U.S. entry of merchandise that is of Cuban origin, that is or has been located in or transported from or through Cuba, or that is made or derived in whole or in part of any article which is the growth, produce, or manufacture of Cuba.

15 cosponsors (11D, 3R, 1I)

Bennet, Michael [D-CO]

Durbin, Richard [D-IL]

Enzi, Michael [R-WY]

Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]

Gillibrand, Kirsten [D-NY]

King, Angus [I-ME] (

Leahy, Patrick [D-VT]

Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]

Paul, Rand [R-KY]

Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]

Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]

Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA] (

Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

Franken, Alan "Al" [D-MN] (

Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

S. 1287: Freedom for Americans to Travel to Cuba Act of 2017

Jeff Flake

Republican Junior Senator from Arizona

This bill states that: (1) the President may not prohibit or otherwise restrict travel to or from Cuba by U.S. citizens or legal residents, or any of the transactions incident to such travel, including banking transactions; and (2) any law, regulation, or policy in effect on the date of enactment of this bill that prohibits or otherwise restricts such travel or transactions incident to such travel shall cease to have any force or effect.

Nothing in this bill may be construed to limit the President's authority to restrict such travel or any transaction incident to such travel if the President determines that such restriction is necessary to protect: (1) U.S. national security, or (2) the health or safety of U.S. citizens or legal residents resulting from traveling to or from Cuba.

Prior to restricting travel to Cuba, the President shall submit a written justification to Congress.

54 cosponsors (43D, 9R, 2I)

Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]

Bennet, Michael [D-CO]

Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

Boozman, John [R-AR])

Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

Cardin, Benjamin [D-MD]

Carper, Thomas [D-DE]

Casey, Robert "Bob" [D-PA]

Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]

Collins, Susan [R-ME]

Coons, Chris [D-DE]

Crapo, Michael [R-ID]

Daines, Steve [R-MT]

Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]

Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]

Durbin, Richard [D-IL]

Enzi, Michael [R-WY]

Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

Franken, Alan "Al" [D-MN]

Gillibrand, Kirsten [D-NY]

Harris, Kamala [D-CA]

Hassan, Margaret "Maggie" [D-NH]

Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]

Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]

Heller, Dean [R-NV]

Hirono, Mazie [D-HI]

Kaine, Timothy [D-VA]

King, Angus [I-ME]

Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]

Leahy, Patrick [D-VT]

Manchin, Joe [D-WV]

Markey, Edward "Ed" [D-MA]

McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]

Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]
Moran, Jerry [R-KS]
Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]
Murray, Patty [D-WA]
Nelson, Bill [D-FL]
Paul, Rand [R-KY]
Peters, Gary [D-MI]
Reed, John "Jack" [D-RI]
Sanders, Bernard "Bernie" [I-VT]
Schatz, Brian [D-HI]
Schumer, Charles "Chuck" [D-NY]
Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]
Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]
Tester, Jon [D-MT]
Udall, Tom [D-NM]
Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]
Warner, Mark [D-VA]
Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]
Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]
Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

S. 1699: United States-Cuba Trade Act of 2017

Ron Wyden

Senior Senator from Oregon

Democrat

To lift the trade embargo on Cuba, and for other purposes.

- (1) REMOVAL OF PROHIBITIONS.—Any prohibition on exports to Cuba that is in effect on the day before the effective date of this Act under the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.) (as continued in effect pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.)) shall cease to be effective on such effective date.
- (2) **SEC. 4. TRAVEL.**
- (3) (a) In General.—Travel to and from Cuba by individuals who are citizens or residents of the United States, and any transactions ordinarily incident to such travel, may not be regulated or prohibited if that travel would be lawful in the United States.
- (4) (b) Transactions Incident To Travel.—Transactions ordinarily incident to travel that may not be regulated or prohibited under subsection (a) include the following:
- (5) (1) Transactions ordinarily incident to travel or maintenance in Cuba.
- (6) (2) Normal banking transactions involving foreign currency drafts, traveler's checks, or other negotiable instruments incident to that travel.

6 cosponsors (6D) (show)

Durbin, Richard [D-IL]
Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]
Leahy, Patrick [D-VT]
Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]
Murray, Patty [D-WA]

Udall, Tom [D-NM]