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## **France: Lower House Backs Selective Immigration**

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Parliament's lower house approved, 367 to 164, an immigration bill the government said would restrict entry for unskilled and uneducated workers from abroad while allowing officials to select more qualified candidates. Opponents of the measure, which now moves to the Senate, have criticized it as xenophobic. It would create a three-year residency permit based on "competence and talent" and tighten rules on migrants' family members moving to France.