

## **Poland strips back controversial Holocaust law**

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**Under the amended law, the possibility of receiving a fine remains in place. Photo: The Zweiter Weltkrieg ghetto, pre-war Lodz**

By Deutsche Welle, June 27, 2018 The penalties for attributing Nazi crimes against Jews to Poland will no longer include a prison sentence. The law has been condemned for ignoring Polish anti-Semitism at the time, and threatening academic freedom. Polish lawmakers on Wednesday approved changes to a [disputed Holocaust speech law](#), removing potential jail penalties for anyone who suggested the country was complicit in Nazi crimes against Jews. The speaker of parliament, Marek Kuchcinski, said the lower house had passed the amendments 388 to 25, with five abstentions. *Read more:* [Jews in Poland fight to keep the past alive](#) The new draft bill was presented to parliament by Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki and was followed by an emotional debate, with opposition members expressing outrage that the Law and Justice party had passed the law in the first place. [⋮] <https://p.dw.com/p/30NWj>