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## S 1119

Diversity Visa Fairness Act of 2005 Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration Introduced: May 25, 2005

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (May 25, 2005)

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### **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]

Party: Republican • State: GA • Chamber: Senate

#### **Cosponsors** (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	<b>Date Joined</b>
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	$D \cdot MA$		Oct 4, 2005

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 25, 2005

### **Subjects & Policy Tags**

**Policy Area:** 

Immigration

## **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

**Summary** (as of May 25, 2005)

Diversity Visa Fairness Act of 2005 - Amends the Immigration and And Nationality Act with respect to the diversity visa lottery program to permit an alien to remain eligible for a diversity visa or status adjustment beyond the fiscal year of acceptance if: (1) the visa or status adjustment was properly applied for during the fiscal year of selection; and (2) notice of application authorization was given through publication in the Visa Bulletin.

Authorizes reopening of a prior fiscal year visa lottery application if: (1) the alien was eligible for, and properly applied for, status adjustment during FY1998-FY2004; (2) the application was denied because the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) failed to adjudicate the application during the fiscal year of application; (3) the alien moves to reopen the application; and (4) the alien has continuously resided in the United States since submitting the application.

# **Actions Timeline**

- May 25, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- May 25, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5928)
- May 25, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.