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International Marriage Broker Regulation Act of 2005

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration Introduced: Sep 7, 2005

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sep 7, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	$R \cdot KS$		Sep 7, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 3657	Related bill	Sep 28, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H8425)

International Marriage Broker Regulation Act of 2005 - Prohibits an international marriage broker from providing any U.S. client with any personal contact information of any individual under the age of 18.

Prohibits a marriage broker from providing any U.S. client with the personal contact information of any foreign national client 18 years of age or older until the marriage broker has: (1) collected certain background information from the U.S. client; (2) provided a copy of such background information to the foreign national client; (3) provided the foreign national client information about legal rights; (4) received consent from the foreign national client to release personal contact information; and (5) informed the U.S. client that he or she will be subject to a criminal background check.

Requires a marriage broker to collect specified background information from each U.S. client.

Sets forth penalties for marriage broker violations.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to repeal the mail-order bride provision.

Provides for the dissemination of a pamphlet about the resources available for immigrant victims of domestic violence to: (1) foreign national clients of marriage brokers; and (2) beneficiaries of K-visa petitions.

Amends INA to set forth new K-visa processing provisions.

Actions Timeline

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