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Orphans, Widows, and Widowers Protection Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jun 11, 2009)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 11, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2709	Related bill	Aug 19, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
111 S 1085	Related bill	May 20, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jun 11, 2009)

Orphans, Widows, and Widowers Protection Act - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to revise the definition of "immediate relative" to: (1) permit a widow or widower of a U.S. citizen to seek permanent resident status if married less than two years by showing through a preponderance of the evidence that the marriage was entered into in good faith and not solely to obtain an immigration benefit; and (2) include an alien who was the child or parent of a U.S. citizen at the time of the citizen's death if the alien parent files a petition within two years after such date or the alien child files a petition prior to reaching 21 years old.

Provides specified relief for orphans and spouses regarding: (1) petitions for immediate relative status; (2) parole eligibility; (3) permanent resident status adjustment; and (4) processing of immigrant visas.

Actions Timeline

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