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ARTS 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. (Jul 8, 2009)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

Party: Democratic • State: MA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Jul 8, 2009
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 29, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 8, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1785	Related bill	Apr 27, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.

Arts Require Timely Service Act or the ARTS Act - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to adjudicate a visa petition filed by an employer on behalf of an alien with extraordinary ability in the arts (O- and P- visas other than athletes) and an accompanying alien not later than 30 days after: (1) the date on which the petitioner submits the petition with a written advisory opinion, letter of no objection, or request for a waiver; or (2) the date on which the 15-day period to comment upon a petition has expired if the petitioner has had an opportunity, as appropriate, to supply rebuttal evidence.

Requires the petitioner to be provided premium-processing services without a fee if such petition is not adjudicated within the required time frame and the petitioner is a qualified nonprofit organization or is petitioning on behalf of a qualified nonprofit organization.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 8, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 8, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7263)
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