

## HR 4616

H.E.L.P. Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 26, 2010

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 2998	Identical bill	<b>Feb 4, 2010:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Feb 5, 2010)

Haitian Emergency Life Protection Act of 2010 or the H.E.L.P. Act - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to V- visa nonimmigrants (spouses and minor children of lawful permanent residents who come to the United States to wait for completion of the immigrant visa process) to include Haitian nationals whose petition for a family-sponsored immigrant visa was approved on or before January 12, 2010.

Authorizes the Department of State to use secondary evidence to verify eligibility for such status or for immediate relative status.

Sunsets the provisions of this Act two years after its enactment.

## Actions Timeline

- **Apr 26, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law.
- **Feb 5, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 5, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.