

## S 815

A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt surviving spouses of United States citizens from the numerical limitations described in section 201 of such Act.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Apr 2, 2009

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4370)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4370) (Apr 2, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/815>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 2, 2009
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 2, 2009
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 2, 2009
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 2, 2009
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 2, 2009
Sen. Martinez, Mel [R-FL]	R · FL		Apr 22, 2009
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Apr 30, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 3, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow an alien widow of a U.S. citizen who was married for less than two years at the time of the citizen spouse's death who proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the marriage was entered into in good faith and not for the purpose of obtaining an immigration benefit to self-petition (within the required two years) for continued immediate relative status. Applies such provision to all applications and petitions pending on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

Extends the petition filing deadline for two years after the date of enactment of this Act for an alien spouse if: (1) the U.S. citizen spouse died before the date of enactment of this Act; (2) the alien and the citizen spouse were married for less than two years at the time of the citizen spouse's death; and (3) the alien has not remarried.

#### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 2, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 2, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4369-4370)
- **Apr 2, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4370)