

## HR 1537

Uniting American Families Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement. (Jun 1, 2011)

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Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Apr 14, 2011
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Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2011
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Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Apr 14, 2011

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Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2011
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Rep. Owens, William L. [D-NY-23]	D · NY		Apr 15, 2011
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		May 5, 2011
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		May 5, 2011
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		May 5, 2011
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-17]	D · OH		May 5, 2011
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		May 5, 2011
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		May 13, 2011
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		May 13, 2011
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		May 26, 2011
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-27]	D · NY		Jun 14, 2011
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jun 14, 2011
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Jun 24, 2011
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Rep. Hanabusa, Colleen W. [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jul 8, 2011
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Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Jul 15, 2011
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Jul 15, 2011
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Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Aug 9, 2011
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Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]	D · CA		Sep 7, 2011
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Sep 15, 2011
Rep. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Oct 3, 2011
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Nov 4, 2011

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Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Dec 16, 2011
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Dec 16, 2011
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Jan 24, 2012
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Mar 8, 2012
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Rep. Carnahan, Russ [D-MO-3]	D · MO		Jun 8, 2012
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Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jul 18, 2012
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Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Sep 14, 2012
Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Sep 21, 2012
Rep. Dent, Charles W. [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Dec 13, 2012
Rep. Hanna, Richard L. [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Dec 13, 2012

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 1796	Related bill	Jun 1, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
112 S 821	Related bill	Apr 14, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2512-2514)

Uniting American Families Act of 2011 - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to include a "permanent partner" within the scope of such Act. Defines a "permanent partner" as an individual 18 or older who: (1) is in a committed, intimate relationship with another individual 18 or older in which both individuals intend a lifelong commitment; (2) is financially interdependent with the other individual; (3) is not married to, or in a permanent partnership with, anyone other than the individual; (4) is unable to contract with the other individual a marriage cognizable under this Act; and (5) is not a first, second, or third degree blood relation of the other individual.

Defines: (1) "permanent partnership" as the relationship existing between two permanent partners, and (2) "alien permanent partner" as the individual in a permanent partnership who is being sponsored for a visa.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 1, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
- **Apr 14, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 14, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.