

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. Keating, William R. [D-MA-10] | D · MA | | Jul 15, 2011 |
| Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-17] | D · FL | | Jul 15, 2011 |
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| Rep. Carney, John C., Jr. [D-DE-At Large] | D · DE | | Jun 19, 2012 |
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| Rep. Hanna, Richard L. [R-NY-24] | R · NY | | Dec 13, 2012 |

Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 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

- **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.