

## S 1653

International Tourism Facilitation Act

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Oct 4, 2011

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Oct 4, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/1653>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]

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

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Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Oct 4, 2011
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Oct 4, 2011
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Oct 4, 2011
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Oct 6, 2011
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Oct 19, 2011
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 4, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Oct 4, 2011)

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International Tourism Facilitation Act - Amends the Department of State and Related Agency Appropriations Act, 2005 to authorize the Secretary of State to charge consular services fees which may be deposited in the appropriate Department of State account to the extent that the amount of such fees collected during a fiscal year is greater than the amount of consular service fees deposited in the Treasury during FY2011.

Amends the Department of State Authorities Act of 2006 to repeal the Secretary's authority to amend consular service surcharges in support of enhanced border security that are in addition to passport and immigrant visa fees in effect on January 1, 2004.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize the Secretary to waive nonimmigrant visa interviews for up to three additional years (four years total) for individuals who previously held a U.S. visa.

Directs the Secretary to report to Congress regarding nonimmigrant visa projections and plans to service such projections through 2020 in the high-growth markets of Brazil, China, and India.

## Actions Timeline

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