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Secure Visas Act

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Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jul 11, 2011
Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	R · NC		Mar 1, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	May 19, 2011
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 20, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 8, 2012)

Secure Visas Act - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to grant the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) (Secretary), except for the Secretary of State's authority with respect to diplomatic- and international organization-related visas, exclusive authority to issue regulations, establish policy, and administer the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) and all other immigration or nationality laws relating to U.S. consular officer visa functions.

Authorizes the Secretary to refuse or revoke any visa to an alien or class of aliens if necessary or advisable for U.S. security interests. Provides that such visa revocation shall become effective immediately and cancel any other visa in an alien's possession.

Prohibits judicial review of the Secretary's refusal or revocation of visa, or of any claim arising from such revocation.

Authorizes the Secretary of State to direct a consular officer to refuse or revoke a visa if necessary or advisable for U.S. interests.

Prohibits a visa approval decision by the Secretary of State from overriding a revocation or refusal determination by the Secretary.

Directs the Secretary to review on-site all visa applications and supporting documentation before adjudication at visa-issuing posts in Algeria, Canada, Colombia, Egypt, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv in Israel, Jordan, Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, Venezuela, and Yemen and authorizes the Secretary to assign DHS personnel to each diplomatic and consular post at which visas are issued unless, in the Secretary's sole and unreviewable discretion, the Secretary determines that such an assignment at a particular post would not promote national or homeland security. Directs the Secretary of State to ensure that any such DHS personnel have been stationed and are operational within one year of enactment of this Act.

States that if the Secretary or the Secretary of State revokes a visa: (1) the relevant consular, law enforcement, and terrorist screening databases shall be immediately updated; and (2) look-out notices shall be posted to all DHS port inspectors and Department of State consular officers.

Amends INA to: (1) eliminate the exception permitting judicial review of a visa revocation where such revocation is the sole ground for a deportation process based upon an alien's unlawful U.S. presence, and (2) prohibit any court from hearing a claim arising from a visa revocation.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 8, 2012:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 112-411, Part I.
- **Mar 8, 2012:** Committee on Homeland Security discharged.
- **Mar 8, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 283.
- **Jun 23, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 23, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 11.
- **Jun 20, 2011:** Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement Discharged.
- **May 19, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **May 11, 2011:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 6, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
- **May 5, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **May 5, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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