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Visa Waiver Program Enhanced Security and Reform Act

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Sponsor

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Jan 31, 2012
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Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Feb 1, 2012
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 1, 2012
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 1, 2012
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 27, 2012
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 29, 2012
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 23, 2012
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 14, 2012
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 13, 2012
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 21, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 31, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3199	Related bill	**May 17, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
112 S 2233	Related bill	**Mar 27, 2012:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security . Hearings held.
112 HR 3855	Identical bill	**Feb 16, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.

Summary (as of Jan 31, 2012)

Visa Waiver Program Enhanced Security and Reform Act - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act regarding the visa waiver program to: (1) authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to designate any country as a program country; (2) adjust visa refusal rate criteria, including addition of a 3% maximum overstay rate; and (3) revise probationary and termination provisions.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 31, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 31, 2012:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S256)
- **Jan 31, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.