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H.E.L.P. Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Mar 3, 2011

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

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 3, 2011
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 3, 2011
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 3, 2011
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 4, 2011

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 3, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 3297	Related bill	Nov 21, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.

Haitian Emergency Life Protection Act of 2011 or the H.E.L.P. Act - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to V- visa nonimmigrants (spouses and minor children of lawful permanent residents who come to the United States to wait for completion of the immigrant visa process) to include certain Haitian nationals whose petition for a family-sponsored immigrant visa was approved on or before January 12, 2010.

Authorizes the Secretary of State to use secondary evidence to verify eligibility for such status or for immediate relative status.

Sunsets the provisions of this Act two years after its enactment.

#### **Actions Timeline**

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