

HR 490

Visa Waiver Program Enhanced Security and Reform Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 28, 2013

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 744	Related bill	Jun 27, 2013: Senate ordered measure printed as passed.
113 HR 1354	Related bill	Apr 15, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration And Border Security.
113 S 223	Identical bill	Feb 4, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Feb 4, 2013)

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.

Directs the Secretary to submit to Congress: (1) an evaluation of the security risks of aliens who enter the United States without an approved Electronic System for Travel Authorization verification, and (2) a description of any improvements needed to minimize the number of aliens who enter the United States without such verification.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 28, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration And Border Security.
- **Feb 4, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 4, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.