

S 1300

Adoptive Family Relief Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration

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Law: 114-70 (Enacted Oct 16, 2015)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1300>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

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

Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		May 12, 2015
Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]	R · TN		May 12, 2015
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		May 12, 2015
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		May 12, 2015
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 12, 2015
Sen. McConnell, Mitch [R-KY]	R · KY		May 12, 2015
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		May 18, 2015
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		May 19, 2015
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		May 19, 2015
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		May 20, 2015
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		May 20, 2015
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		May 20, 2015
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		May 20, 2015
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 1, 2015
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Jun 2, 2015
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jun 24, 2015
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Jul 8, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 9, 2015
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jul 9, 2015
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 13, 2015
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Jul 14, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 9, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1635	Related bill	Dec 16, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-323.
114 HR 2922	Identical bill	Jul 29, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.

Summary (as of Oct 16, 2015)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate reported version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to declare that if an immigrant visa was issued on or after March 27, 2013, for a child who has been lawfully adopted, or who is coming to the United States to be adopted, by a U.S. citizen, any statutory immigrant visa fees relating to a renewal or replacement of such visa may be waived or refunded if:

- the child was unable to use the original immigrant visa during the period of its validity as a direct result of extraordinary circumstances, including the denial of an exit permit; and
- such inability was attributable to factors beyond the control of the adopting parent or parents.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 16, 2015:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 16, 2015:** Became Public Law No: 114-70.
- **Oct 8, 2015:** Presented to President.
- **Oct 6, 2015:** Mr. Franks (AZ) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Oct 6, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6815-6817)
- **Oct 6, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1300.
- **Oct 6, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6815-6816)
- **Oct 6, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6815-6816)
- **Oct 6, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 15, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 15, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 15, 2015:** Held at the desk.
- **Jul 14, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5057; text as passed Senate: CR S5057)
- **Jul 14, 2015:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5057; text as passed Senate: CR S5057)
- **Jul 9, 2015:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 9, 2015:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Grassley without amendment. Without written report.
- **Jul 9, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 145.
- **May 12, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 12, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2798)