

HR 4944

Reuniting Families Act

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Policy Area: Immigration

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred To | Feb 6, 2018 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Reuniting Families Act

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to

- recapture unused employment-based and family-sponsored visas from FY1992-FY2016;
- reclassify spouses, permanent partners, minor children, and stepchildren of permanent residents as immediate relatives;
- repeal the per-country immigration limits;
- repeal specified bars to reentry and allow waivers of inadmissibility to promote family unity;
- exempt children of naturalized Filipino veterans from immigration limitations; and
- allow relatives of a deceased alien to maintain visa eligibility.

The bill defines "permanent partner" to purposes of applying the INA to LGBT families and individuals.

Actions Timeline

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