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S. 1184

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to waive nonimmigrant visa fees for aliens seeking to enter the United States to engage in certain charitable activities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 17, 1997

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. BIDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. WAIVER OF NONIMMIGRANT VISA FEES FOR**
4 **CERTAIN CHARITABLE PURPOSES.**

5 Section 281 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
6 (8 U.S.C. 1351) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new sentence: “Subject to such criteria as the Sec-
8 retary of State may prescribe, including the duration of
9 stay of the alien and the financial burden upon the chari-

1 table organization, the Secretary of State shall waive or
2 reduce the fee for application and issuance of a non-
3 immigrant visa for any alien coming to the United States
4 primarily for, or in activities related to, a charitable pur-
5 pose involving health or nursing care, the provision of food
6 or housing, job training, or any other similar direct service
7 or assistance to poor or otherwise needy individuals in the
8 United States.”.

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