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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.

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## 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

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## 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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