

104TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 617

To provide for a program established by a nongovernmental organization under which Haitian Americans would help the people of Haiti recover from the destruction caused by the coup of December 1991.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 20, 1995

Mr. RANGEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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. GRANT BY AID.**

4 (a) GRANT FOR PROGRAM.—The Administrator of

5 the Agency for International Development shall use funds

6 available for development assistance for each of fiscal

7 years 1995 through 1998 to provide a grant for each such

8 fiscal year to an appropriate nongovernmental organiza-

1 tion that has established a program under which Haitian
2 Americans would engage in activities in Haiti designed to
3 help the people of that country in meeting their needs for
4 trained manpower in recovering from the destruction
5 caused by the military coup that occurred in Haiti in De-
6 cember 1991 and assist in the reconstruction of Haiti
7 since the return of President Aristide. Any such grant may
8 be used only for such program.

9 (b) REQUIREMENTS OF PROGRAM.—The Adminis-
10 trator of the Agency for International Development shall
11 ensure that the activities engaged in by Haitian Americans
12 in Haiti under a program for which a grant is provided
13 under subsection (a) are similar to those activities that
14 would be engaged in by Peace Corps volunteers under the
15 Peace Corps Act.

16 (c) TRAINING.—The Director of the Peace Corps
17 shall provide to Haitian Americans participating in a pro-
18 gram for which a grant is provided under subsection (a)
19 appropriate training in preparation for their activities in
20 Haiti under the program. The costs of such training shall
21 be reimbursed, from amounts provided in the grant, by
22 the nongovernmental organization administering the pro-
23 gram.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

2 As used in this Act, the term "Haitian American"
3 means an individual residing in the United States who is
4 of Haitian ancestry and whose citizenship or immigration
5 status would make such individual eligible to be a Peace
6 Corps volunteer under the Peace Corps Act.

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