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S. 2005

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 15, 2011

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts (for himself and Mr. KIRK) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Irish Immigration Rec-
5 ognition and Encouragement Act of 2011” or the “IRE
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) Immigration from the Republic of Ireland
2 has been an important part of the history, identity,
3 and culture of the United States.

4 (2) Approximately 40,000,000 people in the
5 United States identify themselves as Irish-Ameri-
6 cans.

7 (3) The Immigration and Nationality Act of
8 1965 (Public Law 89–236) created significant bar-
9 riers for legal Irish immigration to the United
10 States.

11 (4) The Republic of Ireland continues to be an
12 important strategic ally and friend to the United
13 States.

14 **SEC. 3. E-VISA REFORM.**

15 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii) of the
16 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
17 1101(a)(15)(E)(iii)) is amended by inserting “, or solely
18 to perform services as an employee who meets the require-
19 ments under section 203(c)(2) if the alien is a national
20 of the Republic of Ireland,” after “Australia”.

21 (b) NUMERICAL LIMITATION.—Section
22 214(g)(11)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
23 U.S.C. 1184(g)(11)(B)) is amended by inserting “for each

1 of the nationalities identified under section
2 101(a)(15)(E)(iii)” before the period at the end.

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