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# H. R. 3087

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself and Ms. LOFGREN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To provide for the admission to the United States of certain Tibetans.

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 “Tibetan Refugee As-  
5 sistance Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSITION FOR DISPLACED TIBETANS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the numerical  
8 limitations specified in sections 201 and 202 of the Immi-  
9 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151 and 1152),  
10 there shall be made available to qualified displaced Tibet-  
11 ans described in subsection (b) of this section 3,000 immi-

1 grant visas in the 3-fiscal-year period beginning with fiscal  
2 year 2017.

3 (b) QUALIFIED DISPLACED TIBETAN DESCRIBED.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—An individual is a qualified  
5 displaced Tibetan if such individual is an individual  
6 who—

7 (A) is a native of Tibet; and

8 (B) since before the date of the enactment  
9 of this Act, has been continuously residing in  
10 India or Nepal.

11 (2) NATIVE OF TIBET DESCRIBED.—For pur-  
12 poses of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1), an indi-  
13 vidual shall be considered to be a native of Tibet if  
14 such individual was born in Tibet or is the son,  
15 daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of an indi-  
16 vidual born in Tibet.

17 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF VISA NUMBERS.—The Sec-  
18 retary of State shall ensure that immigrant visas provided  
19 under subsection (a) are made available to qualified dis-  
20 placed Tibetans described in subsection (b) (or described  
21 in subsection (d) as the spouse or child of such a qualified  
22 displaced Tibetan) in an equitable manner, giving pref-  
23 erence to those qualified displaced Tibetans who are not  
24 resettled in India or Nepal or who are most likely to be  
25 resettled successfully in the United States.

1       (d) DERIVATIVE STATUS FOR SPOUSES AND CHIL-  
2 DREN.—A spouse or child (as defined in subparagraph  
3 (A), (B), (C), (D), or (E) of section 101(b)(1) of the Im-  
4 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1)))  
5 shall, if not otherwise entitled to an immigrant status and  
6 the immediate issuance of a visa under this section, be  
7 entitled to the same status, and the same order of consid-  
8 eration, provided under this section, if accompanying, or  
9 following to join, the spouse or parent of such spouse or  
10 child.

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