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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

To designate Venezuela under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Venezuela to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Venezuela TPS Act  
3 of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF GRANTING TEM-**  
5 **PORARY PROTECTED STATUS.**

6 (a) DESIGNATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 244  
8 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
9 1254a), Venezuela shall be treated as if it had been  
10 designated under subsection (b)(1)(C) of that sec-  
11 tion, subject to the provisions of this section.

12 (2) PERIOD OF DESIGNATION.—The initial pe-  
13 riod of the designation referred to in paragraph (1)  
14 shall be for the 18-month period beginning on the  
15 date of the enactment of this Act.

16 (b) ALIENS ELIGIBLE.—As a result of the designa-  
17 tion made under subsection (a), an alien who is a national  
18 of Venezuela is deemed to satisfy the requirements under  
19 paragraph (1) of section 244(c) of the Immigration and  
20 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(c)), subject to paragraph  
21 (3) of such section, if the alien—

22 (1) has been continuously physically present in  
23 the United States since the date of the enactment of  
24 this Act;

25 (2) is admissible as an immigrant, except as  
26 otherwise provided in paragraph (2)(A) of such sec-

1 tion, and is not ineligible for temporary protected  
2 status under paragraph (2)(B) of such section; and

3 (3) registers for temporary protected status in  
4 a manner established by the Secretary of Homeland  
5 Security.

6 (c) CONSENT TO TRAVEL ABROAD.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland  
8 Security shall give prior consent to travel abroad, in  
9 accordance with section 244(f)(3) of the Immigra-  
10 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(f)(3)), to  
11 an alien who is granted temporary protected status  
12 pursuant to the designation made under subsection  
13 (a) if the alien establishes to the satisfaction of the  
14 Secretary of Homeland Security that emergency and  
15 extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the  
16 alien require the alien to depart for a brief, tem-  
17 porary trip abroad.

18 (2) TREATMENT UPON RETURN.—An alien re-  
19 turning to the United States in accordance with an  
20 authorization described in paragraph (1) shall be  
21 treated as any other returning alien provided tem-  
22 porary protected status under section 244 of the Im-  
23 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a).

24 (d) FEE.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any other fee  
2 authorized by law, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
3 rity is authorized to charge and collect a fee of \$360  
4 for each application for temporary protected status  
5 under section 244 of the Immigration and Nation-  
6 ality Act by a person who is only eligible for such  
7 status by reason of subsection (a).

8           (2) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-  
9 curity shall permit aliens to apply for a waiver of  
10 any fees associated with filing an application re-  
11 ferred to in paragraph (1).

12 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

13           The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of  
14 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,  
15 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement  
16 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this  
17 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record  
18 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-  
19 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the  
20 vote on passage.

Passed the House of Representatives July 25, 2019.

Attest:                            CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
*Clerk.*