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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Venezuela TPS Act of

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

(a) DESIGNATION.—

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

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

(b) ALIENS ELIGIBLE.—As a result of the designation
made under subsection (a), an alien who is a national of
Venezuela is deemed to satisfy the requirements under para-
graph (1) of section 244(c) of the Immigration and Nation-
ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(c)), subject to paragraph (3) of
such section, if the alien—
(1) has been continuously physically present in the United States since the date of the enactment of this Act;

(2) is admissible as an immigrant, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2)(A) of such section, and is not ineligible for temporary protected status under paragraph (2)(B) of such section; and

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

(c) Consent to Travel Abroad.—

(1) In general.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall give prior consent to travel abroad, in accordance with section 244(f)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(f)(3)), to an alien who is granted temporary protected status pursuant to the designation made under subsection (a) if the alien establishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Homeland Security that emergency and extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the alien require the alien to depart for a brief, temporary trip abroad.

(2) Treatment upon return.—An alien returning to the United States in accordance with an authorization described in paragraph (1) shall be
treated as any other returning alien provided temporary protected status under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a).
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