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H. R. 7982

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide F visas and employment authorization for international student athletes who enter into endorsement contracts for the commercial use of their names, images, and likenesses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2024

Mr. FLOOD (for himself and Mrs. FOUSHEE) introduced the following bill;
which was 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 “Name, Image, and
5 Likeness for International Collegiate Athletes Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. F VISAS AND EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR**
2 **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ATHLETES.**

3 (a) F VISA CATEGORY.—Section 101(a)(15)(F) of
4 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
5 1101(a)(15)(F)) is amended—

6 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at the end;
7 and

8 (2) in clause (iii), by striking the semicolon at
9 the end and inserting “, and (iv) an alien who is or
10 will become a student athlete upon enrollment at an
11 institution of higher education (as defined in section
12 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
13 U.S.C. 1001)) and who intends to enter into an en-
14 dorsement contract for the purpose of earning com-
15 pensation for the commercial use of the alien’s
16 name, image, or likeness;”.

17 (b) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION.—Section 214(m)
18 of Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(m))
19 is amended by adding at the end the following:

20 “(3)(A) A nonimmigrant who obtains the status of
21 a nonimmigrant under clause (iv) of section 101(a)(15)(F)
22 shall be eligible for employment authorization for the pur-
23 pose of engaging in activities pursuant to an endorsement
24 contract for the commercial use of the nonimmigrant’s
25 name, image, or likeness.

1 “(B) The Secretary of Homeland Security may seek
2 to engage the designated school official of the institution
3 of higher education at which such a nonimmigrant is en-
4 rolled in oversight of the employment activity of the non-
5 immigrant for the purpose of ensuring compliance with
6 this paragraph.”.

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