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To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for a pause on the issuance of H–1B visas until certain limitations on the issuance thereof are implemented.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRANE (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. HUNT, Mr. SELF, Mr. OGLES, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. BABIN, and Mr. GILL of Texas) 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 “End H–1B Visa Abuse
5 Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. PAUSING THE ISSUANCE OF H-1B VISAS.**

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no alien
8 may be issued a nonimmigrant visa described in section
9 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality

1 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(B)) until the date that
2 is 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 3. NECESSARY REFORMS OF THE H-1B VISA.**

4 (a) ENDING DUAL INTENT.—Section 214(b) of the
5 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(b)) is
6 amended by striking “, and other than a nonimmigrant
7 described in any provision of section 101(a)(15)(H)(i) ex-
8 cept subclause (b1) of such section)”.

9 (b) NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS AND VISA DURA-
10 TION.—Section 214(g) of the Immigration and Nationality
11 Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)) is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (1), by amending subpara-
13 graph (A) to read as follows:

14 “(A) under section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)
15 may not exceed 25,000 in any fiscal year; and”;

16 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “may not ex-
17 ceed 6 years” and inserting “may not exceed 3
18 years”; and

19 (3) by striking paragraph (5) and redesignating
20 paragraphs (6), (7), and (8) as paragraphs (5), (6),
21 and (7).

22 (c) TRUMP FEE.—Section 214(c) of the Immigration
23 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (10), (11),
2 (12), and (13) as paragraphs (11), (12), (13), and
3 (14) respectively; and

4 (2) by inserting after paragraph (9) the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(10) ADDITIONAL H-1B FEE.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
8 other provision of law, for fiscal year 2026 and
9 each fiscal year thereafter, a fee of \$100,000
10 shall be imposed on each employer filing a peti-
11 tion under paragraph (1)—

12 “(i) to grant an alien nonimmigrant
13 status described in section
14 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b); and

15 “(ii) to obtain authorization for an
16 alien having such status to change employ-
17 ers.

18 “(B) DEPOSIT OF FEES.—Fees collected
19 under this paragraph shall be deposited in the
20 Treasury in accordance with section 286(s).”.

21 (d) WAGE FLOOR AND RECRUITMENT REQUIRE-
22 MENTS.—Section 212(n) of the Immigration and Nation-
23 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(n)) is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (1)(A)—

1 (A) by striking “; and” at the end of
2 clause (i)(II) and inserting “;”;

3 (B) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause
4 (vi); and

5 (C) by inserting after clause (i) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(ii) attests that there are not suffi-
8 cient workers who are able, willing, quali-
9 fied, and available at the time of applica-
10 tion for a nonimmigrant visa and admis-
11 sion to the United States and at the place
12 where the alien is to perform such labor;

13 “(iii) attests that the employment of
14 such alien will not adversely affect the
15 wages and working conditions of workers
16 in the United States similarly employed;

17 “(iv) has not laid off any workers in
18 the previous 12 months and will not lay off
19 any workers in the following 12 months;

20 “(v) is offering to pay each alien
21 granted nonimmigrant status described in
22 section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) wages at a
23 rate that is not less than \$200,000 per
24 year; and”;

1 (2) in paragraph (1)(E)(ii), by striking “An ap-
2 plication is not described in this clause if the only
3 H–1B nonimmigrants sought in the application are
4 exempt H–1B nonimmigrants.”;

5 (3) in paragraph (2)(E), by striking “a non-
6 exempt” and inserting “an”; and

7 (4) in paragraph (3), by striking subparagraphs
8 (B) and (C).

9 (e) ELIMINATING THE H–1B LOTTERY.—Section
10 214(g)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
11 U.S.C. 1184(g)(3)) is amended to read as follows:

12 “(3)(A) Aliens who are subject to the numerical
13 limits in paragraph (1)(A) shall be issued visas in
14 order of the highest wage levels being offered by the
15 petitioning employers, following a registration period
16 that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services shall
17 hold open for no more than two weeks each year.

18 “(B) Aliens who are subject to the numer-
19 ical limitations of paragraph (1)(B) shall be
20 issued visas (or otherwise provided non-
21 immigrant status) in the order in which peti-
22 tions are filed for such visas or status.”.

23 (f) PROHIBITING CONCURRENT AND THIRD-PARTY
24 EMPLOYMENT.—Section 214(g) of the Immigration and

1 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)) is amended by adding
2 at the end the following:

3 “(12) PROHIBITION ON CONCURRENT EMPLOY-
4 MENT.—An alien admitted or otherwise provided
5 status under section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) may not be
6 employed by more than one employer at a particular
7 time. The approval of a subsequent petition for a
8 nonimmigrant described in such section shall auto-
9 matically terminate the validity of any previously ap-
10 proved petition for that same alien, unless the subse-
11 quent petition is specifically designated as a change
12 of employer and not as additional employment.

13 “(13) PROHIBITION ON THIRD-PARTY EMPLOY-
14 MENT.—A third-party employment or staffing agen-
15 cy may not—

16 “(A) file a petition to sponsor a non-
17 immigrant described in section
18 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b); or

19 “(B) facilitate the recruitment or employ-
20 ment of a nonimmigrant described in section
21 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) on behalf of another em-
22 ployer.”.

1 **SEC. 4. RESTRICTING H NONIMMIGRANTS TO PRIMARY**
2 **WORKERS.**

3 Section 101(a)(15)(H) is amended by striking “; and
4 the alien spouse and minor children of any such alien spec-
5 ified in this paragraph if accompanying him or following
6 to join him”.

7 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITING FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT OF NON-**
8 **IMMIGRANT VISA HOLDERS.**

9 (a) BARRING FEDERAL PETITIONS.—Section 214(c)
10 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
11 1184(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

12 “(15) No agency, department, or instrumen-
13 tality of the Federal Government may file a petition
14 for a nonimmigrant described in section
15 101(a)(15).”.

16 (b) BARRING FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT.—Section
17 274A(h) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
18 1324a(h)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “(4) PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT
20 OF NONIMMIGRANTS.—No agency, department, or
21 instrument of the Federal Government may employ,
22 either directly or through a contract, a non-
23 immigrant described in section 101(a)(15).”.

1 **SEC. 6. ELIMINATING THE OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 Section 214 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
4 (8 U.S.C. 1184) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(s) PROHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZA-
7 TION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS.—

8 “(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of
9 law, no alien present in the United States as a non-
10 immigrant under section 101(a)(15)(F) or section
11 101(a)(15)(M) may be provided employment author-
12 ization in the United States.

13 “(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of
14 law, no alien present in the United States under sec-
15 tion 101(a)(15)(J), who was admitted for the pur-
16 pose of attending an educational or training institu-
17 tion, may be provided employment authorization in
18 the United States.”.

19 **SEC. 7. PROHIBITING ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.**

20 Section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
21 (8 U.S.C. 1255) is amended to read as follows:

22 **“SEC. 245. LIMITATION ON STATUS FOR NONIMMIGRANTS.**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
24 (c), nonimmigrants described in section 101(a)(15), aliens
25 who have been granted temporary parole pursuant to sec-
26 tion 212(d)(5), and any other aliens with temporary au-

1 thorized presence in the United States are ineligible to ad-
2 just their status to that of a person admitted for perma-
3 nent residence while residing in the United States.

4 “(b) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An alien described in sub-
6 section (a) is not authorized to engage in employ-
7 ment in the United States on the basis of submitting
8 an application for adjustment of status.

9 “(2) RESCISSION OF PRIOR EMPLOYMENT AU-
10 THORIZATION.—All employment authorizations
11 granted to aliens pursuant to section 274a.12(c)(9)
12 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, shall be im-
13 mediately rescinded and all employment authoriza-
14 tion documents issued to such alien applicants for
15 adjustment of status are invalid beginning on the
16 date of enactment of this Act.

17 “(3) PENDING APPLICATIONS.—Aliens with
18 pending applications for employment authorization
19 documents under such section 274a.12(c)(9) shall
20 have their applications denied and shall be refunded
21 any fees paid in association with such applications.

22 “(c) ALIENS ELIGIBLE TO ADJUST STATUS.—An
23 alien is eligible for an adjustment of status to that of a
24 person admitted for permanent residence if—

1 “(1) such alien is otherwise eligible to receive
2 an immigrant visa;

3 “(2) an immigrant visa is available for such
4 alien under chapter 1; and

5 “(3) the alien—

6 “(A) filed a petition for adjustment of sta-
7 tus before the date of the enactment of this sec-
8 tion and such petition is adjudicated not later
9 than 1 year after such date of enactment;

10 “(B) is a refugee;

11 “(C) applied for asylum before the date of
12 the enactment of this section and such applica-
13 tion is adjudicated not later than 1 year after
14 such date of enactment; or

15 “(D) has been granted conditional perma-
16 nent resident status pursuant to section 216.”.

17 **SEC. 8. PROHIBITING CHANGE OF STATUS.**

18 Section 248 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
19 (8 U.S.C. 1258) is amended to read as follows:

20 **“SEC. 248. CHANGE OF NONIMMIGRANT CLASSIFICATION.**

21 “The Secretary of Homeland Security may not au-
22 thorize a change from any nonimmigrant classification to
23 any other nonimmigrant classification.”.

1 **SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
3 on the date of enactment.

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