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To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the qualifications for a country to be designated as a visa waiver pilot program country.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. POMBO, and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island) 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. QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGNATION AS PILOT**
4 **PROGRAM COUNTRY.**

5 Section 217(c)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality
6 Act (8 U.S.C. 1187(c)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—Except as provided in
8 subsection (g), a country may not be designated as

1 a pilot program country unless the following require-
2 ments are met:

3 “(A) LOW NONIMMIGRANT VISA REFUSAL
4 RATE.—Either—

5 “(i) the average number of refusals of
6 nonimmigrant visitor visas for nationals of
7 that country during—

8 “(I) the two previous full fiscal
9 years was less than 2.0 percent of the
10 total number of nonimmigrant visitor
11 visas for nationals of that country
12 which were granted or refused during
13 those years; and

14 “(II) either of such two previous
15 full fiscal years was less than 2.5 per-
16 cent of the total number of non-
17 immigrant visitor visas for nationals
18 of that country which were granted or
19 refused during that year; or

20 “(ii) such refusal rate for nationals of
21 that country during—

22 “(I) the previous full fiscal year
23 was less than 3.5 percent; and

24 “(II) the two previous full fiscal
25 years was at least 50 percent less

1 than such refusal rate during fiscal
2 year 1994.

3 “(B) MACHINE READABLE PASSPORT PRO-
4 GRAM.—The government of the country certifies
5 that it has or is in the process of developing a
6 program to issue machine-readable passports to
7 its citizens.

8 “(C) LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERESTS.—
9 The Attorney General determines that the
10 United States law enforcement interests would
11 not be compromised by the designation of the
12 country.”.

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