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H. R. 2412

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the religious worker visa programs and to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to modify the effective date for certain paperwork changes in the employer sanctions program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 5, 1997

Mr. SMITH 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. MODIFICATION OF RELIGIOUS WORKER VISA**
4 **PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) MODIFICATIONS TO NONIMMIGRANT RELIGIOUS
6 WORKER PROGRAM.—Section 101(a)(15)(R) of the Immi-

1 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(R)) is
 2 amended by striking clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting the
 3 following:

4 “(i) seeks to enter the United States
 5 for a period not to exceed 5 years solely to
 6 perform the work described in subclause
 7 (I) or (II) of paragraph (27)(C)(ii);

8 “(ii) satisfies the requirements of
 9 paragraph (27)(C)(i); and

10 “(iii) will not be significantly depend-
 11 ent for support on the personal solicitation
 12 of donations; or”.

13 (b) MODIFICATIONS TO SPECIAL IMMIGRANT RELI-
 14 GIOUS WORKER PROGRAM.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(27)(C) of the
 16 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
 17 1101(a)(27)(C)) is amended—

18 (A) in clause (i), by striking “2” and in-
 19 serting “5”;

20 (B) in clause (ii)—

21 (i) in subclause (I), by adding “or” at
 22 the end;

23 (ii) by striking subclause (II) and re-
 24 designating subclause (III) as subclause
 25 (II); and

1 (iii) in subclause (II) (as so redesign-
 2 nated)—

3 (I) by striking “1997,” and in-
 4 serting “2000, solely”; and

5 (II) by striking “and” at the end;
 6 (C) in clause (iii)—

7 (i) by striking “vocation, professional
 8 work, or other work” and inserting “voca-
 9 tion or occupation”; and

10 (ii) by striking “described in clause
 11 (i);” and inserting “immediately preceding
 12 the time of application for admission;
 13 and”; and

14 (D) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(iv) will not be significantly depend-
 16 ent for support on the personal solicitation
 17 of donations or on supplemental employ-
 18 ment.”.

19 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 20 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
 21 U.S.C. 1153(b)(4)) is amended by striking “or
 22 (III)”.

23 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 24 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on October 1,
 25 1997.

1 **SEC. 2. 2-YEAR EXTENSION OF VISA WAIVER PILOT**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 217(f) of the Immigration
4 and Naturalization Act is amended by striking “Septem-
5 ber 30, 1997.” and inserting “September 30, 1999.”.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
7 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act.

9 **SEC. 3. 6-MONTH EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR DESIGNA-**
10 **TION OF EFFECTIVE DATE FOR PAPERWORK**
11 **CHANGES IN EMPLOYER SANCTIONS PRO-**
12 **GRAM.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 412(e)(1) of the Illegal
14 Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of
15 1996 (Public Law 104–208; 110 Stat. 3009–668) is
16 amended by striking “12” and inserting “18”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
18 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-
19 ment of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant
20 Responsibility Act of 1996.

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