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To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to not count work experience as an unauthorized alien for purposes of admission as an employment-based immigrant or an H-1B nonimmigrant.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 1999

Mr. GALLEGLY 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 “Illegal Alien Employ-
5 ment Disincentive Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOT COUNTING WORK EXPERIENCE AS AN UNAU-**
 2 **THORIZED ALIEN FOR PURPOSES OF ADMIS-**
 3 **SION AS A WORKER.**

4 (a) FOR ADMISSION AS AN EMPLOYMENT-BASED IM-
 5 MIGRANT.—Section 203(b) of the Immigration and Na-
 6 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)) is amended by adding
 7 at the end the following new paragraph:

8 “(7) NOT COUNTING WORK EXPERIENCE AS AN
 9 UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this
 11 subsection, work experience obtained in employ-
 12 ment in the United States with respect to which
 13 (and during the period for which) the alien was
 14 an unauthorized alien (as defined in section
 15 274A(h)(3)) shall not be taken into account, ex-
 16 cept that work experience described in subpara-
 17 graph (B) shall not be considered work experi-
 18 ence as an unauthorized alien.

19 “(B) WORK EXPERIENCE DESCRIBED.—
 20 Work experience described in this subparagraph
 21 is work experience—

22 “(i) obtained in employment in the
 23 United States by an alien—

24 “(I) admitted as a nonimmigrant
 25 student described in section
 26 101(a)(15)(F)(i) or 101(a)(15)(M)(i);

1 “(II) who failed to pursue a full
2 course of study; and

3 “(III) who did not know, and did
4 not have reason to know, that such
5 failure was a violation of a condition
6 for the continuation of such non-
7 immigrant status; and

8 “(ii) with respect to which (and dur-
9 ing the period for which) the alien relied in
10 good faith on an otherwise valid work au-
11 thorization, issued to the alien notwith-
12 standing the alien’s failure to pursue a full
13 course of study.”.

14 (b) FOR CLASSIFICATION AS AN H-1B NON-
15 IMMIGRANT.—Section 214 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1184)
16 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section:

18 “(n) Work experience obtained in employment in the
19 United States with respect to which (and during the pe-
20 riod for which) the alien was an unauthorized alien (as
21 defined in section 274A(h)(3)) shall not be taken into ac-
22 count in determining eligibility to be classified as a non-
23 immigrant under section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b).”.

24 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 this section shall apply to visas issued (and adjustments

1 and changes of status effected) on or after the date of
2 the enactment of this Act, regardless of whether the work
3 experience as an unauthorized alien occurred before, on,
4 or after such date.

