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H. R. 5618

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve procedures for the processing of visas for “O” and “P” nonimmigrant artists.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HART 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. IMPROVED PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING**
4 **VISAS FOR “O” AND “P” NONIMMIGRANT ART-**
5 **ISTS.**

6 Section 214(c)(6) of the Immigration and Nationality
7 Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(6)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (D)—

9 (A) by inserting “(i)” immediately after

10 “(D)”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(ii) In the case of petitions described in subpara-
3 graph (A), with respect to nonimmigrant artists and de-
4 scribed in section 101(a)(15)(P)(ii), the Attorney General
5 shall adjudicate such petition in not later than 30 days
6 after (A) the date the petitioner submits the petition with
7 a written advisory opinion, letter of no objection, or re-
8 quest for a waiver, or (B) the date the 15-day period has
9 expired and the petitioner has had an opportunity, where
10 appropriate, to supply rebuttal evidence.

11 “(iii) If a petition described in subparagraph (D)(ii)
12 is not adjudicated within the 30-day period described in
13 clause (ii) and if the petitioner is a qualified nonprofit or-
14 ganization, or an individual or entity petitioning help pri-
15 marily on behalf of a qualified nonprofit organization, the
16 Attorney General shall adjudicate such a petition by the
17 premium-processing service, described in section 286(u),
18 without fee.”; and

19 (2) by amending subparagraph (E)(i) to read as
20 follows:

21 “(E)(i) Notwithstanding subparagraph (D), the At-
22 torney General shall implement expedited adjudication
23 procedures in the case of any petitions described in sub-
24 paragraph (A) with respect to nonimmigrant artists and
25 described in section 101(a)(15)(P)(ii) based upon any of

1 the following: possible severe financial loss to an organiza-
2 tion or individual, an extreme emergency situation, an ex-
3 treme humanitarian situation, the petitioning organiza-
4 tion's nonprofit status in furthering the cultural and social
5 interests of the United States, a situation of national in-
6 terest or defense as requested by a government entity,
7 service errors, or any other compelling interest of the Serv-
8 ice. Such expedited adjudication procedures shall be avail-
9 able to a qualified nonprofit organization or an individual
10 or entity petitioning primarily on behalf of a qualified non-
11 profit organization.”.

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