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H. R. 6015

To require the Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce to publish certain economic data regarding territories and Freely Associated States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO (for herself, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. HONDA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS DATA RE-**
2 **GARDING TERRITORIES AND FREELY ASSOCI-**
3 **ATED STATES.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—The Director of the Bureau of
5 Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce shall
6 publish an annual report on the gross domestic product
7 of the following:

8 (1) TERRITORIES.—American Samoa, Guam,
9 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-
10 lands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the
11 United States Virgin Islands.

12 (2) FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.—Republic of
13 the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micro-
14 nesia, and the Republic of Palau.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirements of sub-
16 section (a) shall take effect on the day that is 90 days
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO IMMIGRATION PRO-**
19 **VISIONS APPLICABLE TO GUAM AND NORTH-**
20 **ERN MARIANA ISLANDS.**

21 (a) WAIVER OF NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS FOR NON-
22 IMMIGRANT WORKERS DURING TRANSITION.—Section
23 6(b) of the Joint Resolution entitled “A Joint Resolution
24 to approve the ‘Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth
25 of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with
26 the United States of America’, and for other purposes”,

1 approved March 24, 1976 (48 U.S.C. 1806(e)), as added
2 by section 702 of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act
3 of 2008 (Public Law 110–229; 122 Stat. 854), is amended
4 by inserting after the second sentence the following: “In
5 any case in which the Secretary of Labor implements an
6 extension of the provisions of subsection (d) pursuant to
7 subsection (d)(5), the provisions of this subsection shall
8 be extended for the same period.”.

9 (b) GUAM AND NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS VISA
10 WAIVER PROGRAM.—Section 702 of the Consolidated
11 Natural Resources Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–229; 122
12 Stat. 854) is amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(l) GUAM AND NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS VISA
14 WAIVER ALTERNATIVE.—In a case in which the regula-
15 tions promulgated under section 212(l)(3) of the Immigra-
16 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(l)), as amended
17 by subsection (b)(3), do not include a listing of any coun-
18 try pursuant to section 212(l)(3)(A) of such Act, the Sec-
19 retary of Homeland Security shall provide for an alter-
20 native procedure for the provision of a benefit similar to
21 that described in section 212(l)(1) of such Act to nationals
22 from any country from which the Commonwealth of the
23 Northern Mariana Islands has received a significant eco-
24 nomic benefit from the number of visitors for pleasure

1 within the one-year period preceding the date of the enact-
2 ment of this Act.”.

