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H. R. 3602

To designate the Philippines under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of the Philippines to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 21, 2013

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia) 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 “Filipino Temporary
5 Protected Status Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of the Congress that the extraordinary
8 and temporary conditions caused by flooding and other

1 catastrophic damage wrought by Typhoon Haiyan in the
2 Philippines qualifies the Philippines for designation under
3 subparagraph (B) or (C) of section 244(b)(1) of the Immi-
4 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1)), pur-
5 suant to which nationals of the Philippines would be eligi-
6 ble for temporary protected status in the United States.

7 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF GRANTING TEM-**
8 **PORARY PROTECTED STATUS.**

9 (a) DESIGNATION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 244
11 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
12 1254a), the Philippines shall be treated as if it had
13 been designated under subsection (b) of such sec-
14 tion, subject to the provisions of this section.

15 (2) PERIOD OF DESIGNATION.—The initial pe-
16 riod of such designation shall begin on the date of
17 the enactment of this Act and shall remain in effect
18 for 18 months.

19 (b) ALIENS ELIGIBLE.—In applying section 244 of
20 such Act pursuant to the designation made under this sec-
21 tion, subject to section 244(c)(3) of such Act, an alien who
22 is a national of the Philippines deemed to satisfy the re-
23 quirements of section 244(c)(1) of such Act only if the
24 alien—

1 (1) has been continuously physically present in
2 the United States since November 8, 2013;

3 (2) is admissible as an immigrant, except as
4 otherwise provided under section 244(c)(2)(A) of
5 such Act, and is not ineligible for temporary pro-
6 tected status under section 244(c)(2)(B) of such
7 Act; and

8 (3) registers for temporary protected status in
9 a manner that the Secretary of Homeland Security
10 shall establish.

11 (c) CONSENT TO TRAVEL ABROAD.—The Secretary
12 of Homeland Security shall give the prior consent to travel
13 abroad described in section 244(f)(3) of such Act to an
14 alien who is granted temporary protected status pursuant
15 to the designation made under this section, if the alien
16 establishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Home-
17 land Security that emergency and extenuating cir-
18 cumstances beyond the control of the alien require the
19 alien to depart for a brief, temporary trip abroad. An alien
20 returning to the United States in accordance with such
21 an authorization shall be treated the same as any other
22 returning alien provided temporary protected status under
23 section 244 of such Act.

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