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H. R. 463

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the provisions relating to status under section 101(a)(15)(U) of that Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BLACK 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. ELIGIBILITY.**

4 Section 101(a)(15)(U) of the Immigration and Na-
5 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(U)) is amended—

6 (1) by amending clause (ii) to read as follows:

7 “(ii) the spouse and children of an alien de-
8 scribed in clause (i), if accompanying or following to
9 join the alien; and”; and

1 (2) in clause (iii), by striking “or attempt, con-
2 spiracy, or solicitation to commit any of the above
3 mentioned crimes;”.

4 **SEC. 2. DURATION OF STATUS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 214(p)(6) of such Act (8
6 U.S.C. 1184(p)(6)) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(6) DURATION OF STATUS.—The authorized
8 period of status of an alien as a nonimmigrant
9 under section 101(a)(15)(U) shall be not more than
10 the shorter of 3 years or the period of limitations
11 prescribed in the applicable law governing the crimi-
12 nal activity described in section 101(a)(15)(U)(iii).
13 Such authorized period of status shall be extended
14 upon certification from a Federal, State, or local law
15 enforcement official, prosecutor, judge, or other Fed-
16 eral, State, or local authority investigating or pros-
17 ecuting criminal activity described in section
18 101(a)(15)(U)(iii) that the alien’s presence in the
19 United States is required to assist in the investiga-
20 tion or prosecution of such criminal activity. The
21 Secretary of Homeland Security may extend, beyond
22 the period authorized under this section, the author-
23 ized period of status of an alien as a nonimmigrant
24 under section 101(a)(15)(U) if the Secretary deter-
25 mines that an extension of such period is warranted

1 due to exceptional circumstances. The Secretary may
2 grant work authorization to any alien who has a
3 pending, bona fide application for nonimmigrant sta-
4 tus under section 101(a)(15)(U).”.

5 (b) LIMITATION ON ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Sec-
6 tion 245 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1255) is amended by strik-
7 ing subsection (m).

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