

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6256

To provide temporary visitation to spouses of United States citizens.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide temporary visitation to spouses of United States
citizens.

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. ADMISSION OF SPOUSES OF NATIONALS AND**
4 **CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AS NON-**
5 **IMMIGRANTS.**

6 (a) CLASSIFICATION AS NONIMMIGRANTS.—Section
7 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)) is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (U), by striking “or” at
10 the end;

1 (2) in subparagraph (V), by striking the period
2 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

3 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (V) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(W) an alien who is the spouse of a na-
6 tional or citizen of the United States, and has
7 been the spouse of such national or citizen for
8 a period of not less than 180 days, or who is
9 the child of such an alien and is accompanying,
10 or following to join, the alien.”.

11 (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION.—Section 214
12 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184)
13 is amended by adding at the end the following:

14 “(s)(1) The period of authorized admission for an
15 alien admitted to the United States as a nonimmigrant
16 under section 101(a)(15)(W) shall be 180 days, which
17 may be extended for one additional 180-day period.

18 “(2) The total number of principal aliens who may
19 be admitted under section 101(a)(15)(W) during any fis-
20 cal year may not exceed 5,000.

21 “(3) The Secretary of Homeland Security, in con-
22 sultation with the Secretary of State, shall establish a
23 process to ensure the expedited admission to the United
24 States of aliens under section 101(a)(15)(W).

1 “(4) An alien admitted under section 101(a)(15)(W)
2 is not eligible for work authorization.”.

3 (c) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS PROHIBITED.—Section
4 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
5 1255) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(n) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section,
7 the Secretary of Homeland Security may not adjust the
8 status of an alien admitted to the United States as a non-
9 immigrant under section 101(a)(15)(W) to that of an alien
10 lawfully admitted for permanent residence.”.

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