

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2087

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to expand the H–2A worker program to include certain additional laborers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2017

Mr. DUFFY 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 “Defending the Agricul-
5 tural Industry’s Requirements Year-round Act of 2017”
6 or as the “DAIRY Act of 2017”.

7 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF H-2A WORKER PROGRAM TO IN-**
8 **CLUDE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL LABORERS.**

9 Section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the Immigration and
10 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a)) is

1 amended by inserting after “abandoning” the following:
2 “who is coming temporarily to the United States to per-
3 form agricultural labor or services as a dairy worker, or”.

4 **SEC. 3. SPECIAL RULE FOR PERIOD OF ADMISSION OF H-2A**
5 **NONIMMIGRANTS EMPLOYED AS SHEEP-**
6 **HERDERS OR DAIRY WORKERS.**

7 Section 218(h) of the Immigration and Nationality
8 Act (8 U.S.C. 1188(h)) is amended by adding at the end
9 of the following:

10 “(3) In the case of an alien admitted as an H-
11 2A worker for employment as a dairy worker—

12 “(A) the initial period of admission shall
13 be for a period of 18 months;

14 “(B) the period of admission may be ex-
15 tended for additional periods of 18 months; and

16 “(C) no period of absence from the United
17 States may be required as a condition of ap-
18 proval of an extension under subparagraph
19 (B).”.

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