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H. R. 2724

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to replace the diversity visa program with a new program under which an immigrant visa can be obtained by paying a fee of \$1,000,000, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2017

Mr. ROHRABACHER (for himself and Mr. CARTER of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Homeland Security, 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

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to replace the diversity visa program with a new program under which an immigrant visa can be obtained by paying a fee of \$1,000,000, and for other purposes.

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 “Border Security and
5 Immigration Enforcement Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. WORLDWIDE LEVEL OF IMMIGRATION.**

2 Section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
3 (8 U.S.C. 1151) is amended—

4 (1) by striking subsection (a)(3) and inserting
5 the following:

6 “(3) for fiscal years beginning with fiscal year
7 2018, paying immigrants described in section 203(c)
8 (or who are admitted under section 211(a) on the
9 basis of a prior issuance of a visa to their accom-
10 panying parent under section 203(c)) in a number
11 not to exceed in any fiscal year the number specified
12 in subsection (e) for that year.”; and

13 (2) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the
14 following:

15 “(e) WORLDWIDE LEVEL OF PAYING IMMIGRANTS.—
16 The worldwide level of paying immigrants is equal to
17 55,000 for each fiscal year.”.

18 **SEC. 3. ALLOCATION OF IMMIGRANT VISAS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 203(c) of the Immigration
20 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(c)) is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 “(c) PAYING IMMIGRANTS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Visas shall be made avail-
24 able, in a number not to exceed the worldwide level
25 specified in section 201(e), to qualified immigrants
26 who pay a fee of \$1,000,000.

1 “(2) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN CHILDREN.—In
2 the case of each child under 18 years of age who is
3 issued a visa pursuant to subsection (d) as accom-
4 panying, or following to join, an immigrant de-
5 scribed in paragraph (1), the immigrant shall pay a
6 fee of \$500,000.

7 “(3) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—An alien shall dem-
8 onstrate that the funds required under paragraphs
9 (1) and (2) were obtained from a lawful source and
10 through lawful means.

11 “(4) ALLOCATIONS TO FACILITATORS.—The
12 Secretary shall provide by regulation for the alloca-
13 tion of not more than 10 percent of any fees paid
14 by an immigrant under paragraphs (1) and (2) to an
15 individual who facilitates the application process
16 under this subsection on behalf of the immigrant.

17 “(5) DISPOSITION OF FUNDS COLLECTED.—
18 There is established in the general fund of the
19 Treasury a separate account which shall be known
20 as the ‘Border Security and Immigration Enforce-
21 ment Account’. Notwithstanding any other section of
22 this title, except for paragraph (4), there shall be de-
23 posited as offsetting receipts into the Border Secu-
24 rity and Immigration Enforcement Account all fees
25 collected under this subsection other than fees allo-

1 cated under paragraph (4), to remain available to
 2 the Secretary of Homeland Security until expended
 3 to carry out functions assigned to U.S. Immigration
 4 and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and
 5 Border Protection.

6 “(6) SPECIAL NATURALIZATION PROVISIONS.—

7 “(A) RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS.—In the
 8 case of an alien who obtains the status of an
 9 alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence
 10 pursuant to this subsection, the alien shall be
 11 naturalized upon compliance with all the re-
 12 quirements of title III, except the provisions of
 13 section 316(a)(1), within 2 years of being law-
 14 fully admitted for permanent residence.

15 “(B) PRIORITY.—In processing applica-
 16 tions for naturalization under title III, the Sec-
 17 retary of Homeland Security shall give priority
 18 to applications filed by aliens who obtain the
 19 status of an alien lawfully admitted for perma-
 20 nent residence pursuant to this subsection.”.

21 (b) ORDER OF CONSIDERATION.—Section 203(e)(2)
 22 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
 23 1153(e)(2)) is amended by striking “diversity” and insert-
 24 ing “paying”.

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