

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2761

To amend section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow certain alien veterans to be paroled into the United States to receive health care furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 26, 2017

Mr. VARGAS (for himself, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. MOORE, Mr. CORREA, and Mr. VELA) 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 “Healthcare Opportuni-
5 ties for Patriots in Exile (HOPE) Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAROLE FOR CERTAIN VETERANS.**

2 Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality
3 Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)) is amended—

4 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “except as
5 provided in subparagraph (B) or in section 214(f),”
6 and inserting “except as provided in subparagraph
7 (B) or (C) or in section 214(f),”;

8 (2) by striking “Attorney General” each place
9 such term appears and inserting “Secretary of
10 Homeland Security”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(C)(i) The Secretary of Homeland Security may, in
13 the discretion of the Secretary, parole into the United
14 States temporarily under such conditions as the Secretary
15 may prescribe only on a case-by-case basis any alien apply-
16 ing for admission to the United States who—

17 “(I) is a veteran (as defined in section 101(2)
18 of title 38, United States Code);

19 “(II) seeks parole to receive health care fur-
20 nished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under
21 chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code; and

22 “(III) resides permanently abroad pursuant to
23 having been ordered removed or voluntarily departed
24 from the United States under section 240B.

25 “(ii) Parole of alien under clause (i) shall not be re-
26 garded as an admission of the alien and when the purposes

1 of such parole shall, in the opinion of the Secretary of
2 Homeland Security, have been served the alien shall forth-
3 with return or be returned to the custody from which the
4 alien was paroled.

5 “(iii)(I) Parole under clause (i) shall not be available
6 in the case of an alien who is inadmissible due to a crimi-
7 nal conviction for—

8 “(aa) a crime of violence; or

9 “(bb) a crime that endangers the national secu-
10 rity of the United States for which the alien has
11 served a term of imprisonment of at least 5 years.

12 “(II) For purposes of subclause (I), the term ‘crime
13 of violence’ means an offense defined in section 16 of title
14 18, United States Code, excluding a purely political of-
15 fense, for which the alien has served a term of imprison-
16 ment of at least 5 years.”.

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