

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4112

To designate Haiti under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Haiti to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section during and after the pendency of certain litigation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS (for himself, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. CRIST, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, Ms. SHALALA, Mr. SOTO, Ms. FRANKEL, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida) 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) On January 12, 2010, Haiti was hit by a
6 magnitude 7.0 earthquake.

1 (2) Approximately 3,000,000 people were af-
2 fectured by the earthquake, with an estimated 250,000
3 people losing their lives and 300,000 people suf-
4 fering injuries.

5 (3) On January 21, 2010, the United States
6 designated Haiti for temporary protected status.

7 (4) The continued designation of temporary
8 protected status for Haiti would preserve the per
9 annum estimated \$1,000,000,000 in remittances
10 sent to Haiti from Haitians in the United States.

11 (5) These remittances exceed the amount of
12 foreign assistance given to Haiti by the United
13 States and are crucial to Haiti's recovery.

14 (6) On October 20, 2010, an outbreak of chol-
15 era was confirmed for the first time in over 100
16 years.

17 (7) Haiti continues to work to recover from the
18 devastating cholera outbreak.

19 (8) The cholera outbreak is estimated to have
20 killed over an estimated 9,000 people and infected
21 nearly 800,000 Haitians.

22 (9) On October 4, 2016, Hurricane Matthew
23 struck Haiti.

1 (10) Hurricane Matthew resulted in the damage
2 of approximately 45 percent of Haiti's southwest
3 piped water supply.

4 (11) Hurricane Matthew resulted in crop losses
5 estimated to be \$360,000,000.

6 (12) Hurricane Matthew is estimated to have
7 killed over 1,000 people and directly affected 2.1
8 million Haitians.

9 (13) Hurricane Matthew was responsible for the
10 internal displacement of 175,000 people and left 1.4
11 million Haitians in need of urgent humanitarian aid.

12 (14) Hurricane Matthew is estimated to have
13 resulted in damages assessed at \$1,000,000,000, or
14 roughly 11.4 percent of Haiti's gross domestic prod-
15 uct.

16 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF HAITI FOR PURPOSES OF GRANT-**
17 **ING TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS.**

18 For purposes of section 244 of the Immigration and
19 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a), Haiti shall be treated
20 as if it had been designated under subsection (b)(1)(C)
21 of that section—

22 (1) for a period of 8 months every 3 months
23 during the period beginning on the date of the en-
24 actment of this Act and ending on the date on which
25 a final decision is rendered in both—

1 (A) Ramos v. Nielsen (Northern District,
2 CA; Case No. 18–cv–01554); and

3 (B) Saget v. Trump (Eastern District, NY;
4 Case No. 1:18–cv–01599); and

5 (2) for the 18-month period beginning on the
6 last day of the last 8-month period under paragraph
7 (1).

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