

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6558

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the period of time for which a conditional permit to land temporarily may be granted to an alien seafarer engaged in ship-to-ship cargo transfer operations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 2020

Mr. WEBER of Texas (for himself, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. CLOUD) 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 “Landing Pass Exten-
5 sion Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR A CONDITIONAL PERMIT**
2 **TO LAND TEMPORARILY.**

3 Section 252 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
4 (8 U.S.C. 1282(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph
7 (1)—

8 (i) by striking “(a) No alien crew-
9 man” and inserting “(a)(1) No alien crew-
10 man”;

11 (ii) by striking “he may” and insert-
12 ing “the immigration officer may”; and

13 (iii) by striking “his discretion” and
14 inserting “the immigration officer’s discre-
15 tion”;

16 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),
17 and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), re-
18 spectively;

19 (C) in subparagraph (A), as redesign-
20 nated—

21 (i) by striking “twenty-nine” and in-
22 serting “29”;

23 (ii) by striking “he” each place such
24 term appears and inserting “the crew-
25 man”; and

26 (iii) by striking “or” at the end;

1 (D) in subparagraph (B), as redesign-
2 nated—

3 (i) by striking “twenty-nine” and in-
4 serting “29”;

5 (ii) by striking “he” each place such
6 term appears and inserting “the crew-
7 man”;

8 (iii) by striking “one” and inserting
9 “vessel or aircraft”; and

10 (iv) by striking the period at the end
11 and inserting “; or”; and

12 (E) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(C) 180 days, if the immigration officer is
14 satisfied that the crewman intends to depart,
15 within the period for which the crewman is per-
16 mitted to land, on a vessel other than the vessel
17 on which the crewman arrived and that the
18 crewman will perform ship-to-ship cargo trans-
19 fer operations to or from any other vessel en-
20 gaged in foreign trade.

21 “(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of
22 law, the period of admission for an alien who is a
23 nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(C) in imme-
24 diate and continuous transit through the United
25 States to a vessel performing ship-to-ship cargo

1 transfer operations shall be up to, but shall not ex-
2 ceed, 180 days.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “subsection
4 (a)(1)” and inserting “subsection (a)(1)(A)”.

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