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To establish a new nonimmigrant category for alien family members of United States citizens and permanent residents seeking to enter the United States temporarily to visit their relatives, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. ROONEY 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Temporary Family
5 Visitation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NEW NONIMMIGRANT CATEGORY FOR FAMILY MEM-**
 2 **BERS OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND PER-**
 3 **MANENT RESIDENTS SEEKING TO ENTER THE**
 4 **UNITED STATES TEMPORARILY.**

5 Section 101(a)(15)(B) of the Immigration and Na-
 6 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(B)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “and who is visiting the United
 8 States temporarily for business or temporarily for
 9 pleasure;” at the end; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following: “and
 11 who is visiting the United States temporarily for—

12 “(i) business;

13 “(ii) pleasure; or

14 “(iii) family purposes.”.

15 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO SECTION**
 16 **101(a)(15)(B)(iii) VISAS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 214 of the Immigration
 18 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184) is amended by add-
 19 ing at the end the following:

20 “(s) REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO SECTION
 21 101(a)(15)(B)(iii) VISAS.—

22 “(1) DEFINITION.—For the purpose of this
 23 subsection and section 101(a)(15)(B)(iii)—

24 “(A) the term ‘family purposes’ means any
 25 visits to relatives for social, occasional, or other
 26 purposes; and

1 “(B) the term ‘relative’ means the spouse,
2 children, sons, daughters, grandchildren, par-
3 ents, grandparents, siblings, uncles, aunts,
4 nieces, and nephews of a citizen or permanent
5 resident of the United States.

6 “(2) REQUIREMENT.—Any alien who seeks ad-
7 mission under a visa issued under section
8 101(a)(15)(B)(iii) is inadmissible under this para-
9 graph unless—

10 “(A) the person petitioning for the alien
11 relative’s admission or any additional sponsor
12 has executed an affidavit of support described
13 in section 213 with respect to such alien; and

14 “(B) the alien has obtained a travel med-
15 ical insurance policy for the duration of stay
16 with minimum policy requirements determined
17 by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

18 “(3) PERIOD OF AUTHORIZED ADMISSION.—
19 The period of authorized admission under section
20 101(a)(15)(B)(iii) shall not exceed 120 days.”.

21 (b) ATTESTATION.—Section 213A(f)(1)(D) of such
22 Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A(f)(1)(D)) is amended by striking
23 “section 204” and inserting “section 204 and
24 101(15)(B)(iii)”.

1 **SEC. 4. RESTRICTION APPLICABLE TO SECTION**
2 **101(a)(15)(B)(iii) VISAS.**

3 Section 248(a)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality
4 Act (8 U.S.C. 1258(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

5 “(1) an alien classified as a nonimmigrant
6 under subparagraph (B)(iii), (C), (D), (K), or (S) of
7 section 101(a)(15).”.

8 **SEC. 5. WAIVERS APPLICABLE TO SECTION 101(a)(15)(B)(iii)**
9 **VISAS.**

10 The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-
11 retary of Homeland Security, may waive any requirement
12 applicable to section 101(a)(15)(B)(iii) visas for humani-
13 tarian purposes, to assure family unity, or when it is oth-
14 erwise in the public interest. The Secretary of State shall
15 provide for the annual reporting to Congress of the num-
16 ber of waivers granted under this paragraph in the pre-
17 vious fiscal year and a summary of the reasons for grant-
18 ing such waivers.

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