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S. 2261

To amend 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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2021

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. HIRONO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 Act” or the “HOPE Act”.

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

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

1 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subpara-
2 graph (B) or” and inserting “subparagraphs (B)
3 and (C) and”;

4 (2) by striking “Attorney General” each place
5 such term appears and inserting “Secretary of
6 Homeland Security”; and

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

8 “(C)(i) The Secretary of Homeland Security may pa-
9 role any alien qualified under clause (ii) into the United
10 States—

11 “(I) at the discretion of the Secretary;

12 “(II) on a case-by-case basis; and

13 “(III) temporarily under such conditions as the
14 Secretary may prescribe.

15 “(ii) To qualify for parole under clause (i) an alien
16 applying for admission to the United States shall—

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

19 “(II) seek 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) be outside of the United States pursuant
23 to having been ordered removed or voluntarily de-
24 parted from the United States under section 240B.

1 “(iii) Parole of an alien under clause (i) shall not be
2 regarded as an admission of the alien.

3 “(iv) If the Secretary of Homeland Security deter-
4 mines that the purposes of such parole have been served
5 the alien shall forthwith return or be returned to the cus-
6 tody from which the alien was paroled.

7 “(v) Parole shall not be available under clause (i) for
8 an alien who is inadmissible due to a criminal conviction—

9 “(I)(aa) for a crime of violence (as defined in
10 section 16(a) of title 18, United States Code), ex-
11 cluding a purely political offense; or

12 “(bb) for a crime that endangers the national
13 security of the United States; and

14 “(II) for which the alien has served a term of
15 imprisonment of at least 5 years.”.

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