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To provide for adjustment of status of nationals of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. QUIGLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Ukrainian Adjustment  
5 Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS FOR ELIGIBLE UKRAINIAN NATIONALS.**

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8 (a) STREAMLINED ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS FOR EL-  
9 IGIBLE UKRAINIAN NATIONALS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
2 provision of law, the Secretary of Homeland Security  
3 shall adjust the status of an eligible Ukrainian na-  
4 tional described in subsection (b) to the status of an  
5 alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence if  
6 the eligible Ukrainian national—

7           (A) submits an application for adjustment  
8 of status in accordance with procedures estab-  
9 lished by the Secretary of Homeland Security;

10           (B) subject to subsection (c), is otherwise  
11 admissible to the United States as an immi-  
12 grant, except that the grounds of inadmissibility  
13 under paragraphs (4), (5), and (7)(A) of sec-  
14 tion 212(a) the Immigration and Nationality  
15 Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)) shall not apply;

16           (C) has complied with the vetting require-  
17 ments under paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-  
18 section (d) to the satisfaction of the Secretary  
19 of Homeland Security; and

20           (D) the Secretary of Homeland Security  
21 determines that the adjustment of status of the  
22 eligible Ukrainian national is not contrary to  
23 the national welfare, safety, or security of the  
24 United States.

1           (2) APPLICABILITY OF REFUGEE ADMISSIBILITY  
2           REQUIREMENTS.—The provisions relating to admis-  
3           sibility for a refugee seeking adjustment of status  
4           under section 209(c) of the Immigration and Na-  
5           tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1159(c)) shall apply to an  
6           applicant for adjustment of status under this sub-  
7           section.

8           (b) ELIGIBLE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL.—Notwith-  
9           standing any other provision of law, an eligible Ukrainian  
10          national for the purpose of this section is a citizen or na-  
11          tional of Ukraine (or a person who last habitually resided  
12          in Ukraine) who—

13                (1) completed security and law enforcement  
14          background checks to the satisfaction of the Sec-  
15          retary of Homeland Security and was subse-  
16          quently—

17                        (A) paroled into the United States after  
18                        February 20, 2014; or

19                        (B) paroled into the United States for the  
20          purpose of accompanying or following to join  
21          as—

22                                (i) the spouse or child (as defined in  
23                                section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and  
24                                Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1))) of

1 an individual described in subparagraph  
2 (A); or

3 (ii) the parent, legal guardian, or pri-  
4 mary caregiver of an individual described  
5 in subparagraph (A) who is determined to  
6 be an unaccompanied child under section  
7 462(g)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of  
8 2002 (6 U.S.C. 279(g)(2)) or section  
9 412(d)(2)(B) of the Immigration and Na-  
10 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1522(d)(2)(B));  
11 and

12 (2) has not had such parole terminated by the  
13 Secretary of Homeland Security.

14 (c) WAIVER.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to an applicant  
16 for adjustment of status under this section, subject  
17 to paragraph (2), the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
18 rity may waive any applicable ground of inadmis-  
19 sibility under section 212(a) of the Immigration and  
20 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)) (other than  
21 paragraphs 2(C) or (3) of such section) for humani-  
22 tarian purposes, to ensure family unity, or if a waiv-  
23 er is otherwise in the public interest.

24 (2) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary of Homeland  
25 Security may not waive under this subsection any

1 applicable ground of inadmissibility under section  
2 212(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
3 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)) that arises due to criminal con-  
4 duct that was committed—

5 (A) on or after February 20, 2014;

6 (B) within the United States; and

7 (C) by an applicant for adjustment of sta-  
8 tus under this section.

9 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
10 subsection may be construed to limit any other waiv-  
11 er authority.

12 (d) INTERVIEW AND VETTING REQUIREMENTS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland  
14 Security shall establish vetting requirements for ap-  
15 plicants seeking adjustment of status under this sec-  
16 tion that are equivalent to the vetting requirements  
17 for refugees admitted to the United States through  
18 the United States Refugee Admissions Program, in-  
19 cluding an interview.

20 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
21 subsection may be construed to limit the authority  
22 of the Secretary of Homeland Security to maintain  
23 records under any other law.

24 (e) PROTECTION FOR BATTERED SPOUSES.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—An alien whose marriage to  
2           an eligible Ukrainian national described in para-  
3           graph (1)(A) of subsection (b) has been terminated  
4           shall be eligible for adjustment of status under this  
5           section as an alien described in paragraph (1)(B) of  
6           that subsection for not more than 2 years after the  
7           date on which such marriage is terminated if there  
8           is a demonstrated connection between the termi-  
9           nation of the marriage and battering or extreme cru-  
10          elty perpetrated by the principal applicant.

11          (2) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW.—In review-  
12          ing an application for adjustment of status under  
13          this section with respect to spouses and children who  
14          have been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty,  
15          the Secretary of Homeland Security shall apply sec-  
16          tion 204(a)(1)(J) of the Immigration and Nation-  
17          ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(J)) and section 384  
18          of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant  
19          Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1367).

20          (f) DATE OF APPROVAL.—Upon the approval of an  
21          application for adjustment of status under this section, the  
22          Secretary of Homeland Security shall create a record of  
23          the alien’s admission as a lawful permanent resident as  
24          of the date on which the alien was inspected and admitted  
25          or paroled into the United States.

1 (g) PROHIBITION ON FURTHER AUTHORIZATION OF  
2 PAROLE.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
4 graph (2), an individual who is a national of  
5 Ukraine shall not be authorized for an additional pe-  
6 riod of parole if such individual—

7 (A) is eligible to apply for adjustment of  
8 status under this section; and

9 (B) fails to submit an application for ad-  
10 justment of status by the later of—

11 (i) the date that is 1 year after the  
12 date on which final guidance described in  
13 subsection (h)(2) is published; or

14 (ii) the date that is 1 year after the  
15 date on which such individual becomes eli-  
16 gible to apply for adjustment of status  
17 under this section.

18 (2) EXCEPTION.—An individual described in  
19 paragraph (1)(A) may be authorized for an addi-  
20 tional period of parole if such individual—

21 (A) within the period described in para-  
22 graph (1)(B), seeks an extension to file an ap-  
23 plication for adjustment of status under this  
24 section; or

1 (B) has previously submitted to a vetting  
2 equivalent of the vetting required under sub-  
3 section (d).

4 (3) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION.—Except as  
5 provided in paragraph (2), a national of Ukraine  
6 who does not submit an application for adjustment  
7 of status within the timeline provided in paragraph  
8 (1)(B) may not later adjust status under this sec-  
9 tion.

10 (h) IMPLEMENTATION.—

11 (1) INTERIM GUIDANCE.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180  
13 days after the date of the enactment of this  
14 Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall  
15 issue guidance implementing this section.

16 (B) PUBLICATION.—Notwithstanding sec-  
17 tion 553 of title 5, United States Code, such  
18 guidance—

19 (i) may be published on the internet  
20 website of the Department of Homeland  
21 Security; and

22 (ii) shall be effective on an interim  
23 basis immediately upon such publication  
24 but may be subject to change and revision

1           after notice and an opportunity for public  
2           comment.

3           (2) FINAL GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1 year  
4           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
5           retary of Homeland Security shall finalize guidance  
6           implementing this section.

7           (i) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.—The Secretary of  
8           Homeland Security shall provide applicants for adjust-  
9           ment of status under this section with the same right to,  
10          and procedures for, administrative review as are provided  
11          to applicants for adjustment of status under section 245  
12          of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255).

13          (j) PROHIBITION ON FEES.—The Secretary of Home-  
14          land Security may not charge a fee to any eligible Ukrain-  
15          ian national in connection with—

16                 (1) an application for adjustment of status or  
17                 employment authorization under this section; or

18                 (2) the issuance of a permanent resident card  
19                 or an employment authorization document.

20          (k) PENDING APPLICATIONS.—During the period be-  
21          ginning on the date on which an alien files a bona fide  
22          application for adjustment of status under this section and  
23          ending on the date on which the Secretary of Homeland  
24          Security makes a final administrative decision regarding  
25          such application, any alien and any dependent included

1 in such application who remains in compliance with all ap-  
2 plication requirements may not be—

3 (1) removed from the United States unless the  
4 Secretary of Homeland Security makes a prima facie  
5 determination that the alien is, or has become, ineli-  
6 gible for adjustment of status under this section;

7 (2) considered unlawfully present under section  
8 212(a)(9)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality  
9 Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(9)(B)); or

10 (3) considered an unauthorized alien (as de-  
11 fined in section 274A(h)(3) of the Immigration and  
12 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a(h)(3))).

13 (l) VAWA SELF PETITIONERS.—Section 101(a)(51)  
14 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
15 1101(a)(51)) is amended—

16 (1) in subparagraph (F), by striking “or”;

17 (2) in subparagraph (G), by striking the period  
18 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

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

20 “(H) section 2(a) of the Ukrainian Adjust-  
21 ment Act of 2025.”.

22 (m) EXEMPTION FROM NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—  
23 Aliens granted adjustment of status under this section  
24 shall not be subject to the numerical limitations under sec-

1 tions 201, 202, and 203 of the Immigration and Nation-  
2 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151, 1152, and 1153).

3 (n) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
4 tion may be construed to preclude an eligible Ukrainian  
5 national from applying for or receiving any immigration  
6 benefit to which the eligible Ukrainian national is other-  
7 wise entitled.

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