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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) 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 “Temporary Family
5 Visitation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FAMILY PURPOSE NONIMMIGRANT VISAS FOR REL-**
 2 **ATIVES OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND**
 3 **LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS SEEKING**
 4 **TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES TEMPO-**
 5 **RARILY.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW NONIMMIGRANT VISA
 7 CATEGORY.—Section 101(a)(15)(B) of the Immigration
 8 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(B)) is amend-
 9 ed by striking “and who is visiting the United States tem-
 10 porarily for business or temporarily for pleasure;” and in-
 11 serting “and who is visiting the United States temporarily
 12 for—

- 13 “(i) business;
 14 “(ii) pleasure; or
 15 “(iii) family purposes;”.

16 (b) REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO FAMILY PUR-
 17 POSE VISAS.—Section 214 of the Immigration and Na-
 18 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184) is amended by adding at
 19 the end the following:

20 “(s) REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO FAMILY PUR-
 21 POSE VISAS.—

22 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection and sec-
 23 tion 101(a)(15)(B)(iii):

24 “(A) FAMILY PURPOSES.—The term ‘fam-
 25 ily purposes’ means any visit by a relative for
 26 a social or occasional purpose, a major life

1 event, a religious event, or for any other pur-
2 pose.

3 “(B) RELATIVE.—The term ‘relative’
4 means the spouse, child, son, daughter, grand-
5 child, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent,
6 sibling, uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew of a cit-
7 izen of the United States or an alien lawfully
8 admitted for permanent residence.

9 “(2) REQUIREMENT.—A relative seeking admis-
10 sion pursuant to a visa issued under section
11 101(a)(15)(B)(iii) is inadmissible unless—

12 “(A) the individual petitioning for such ad-
13 mission, or an additional sponsor, has sub-
14 mitted to the Secretary of Homeland Security
15 an undertaking under section 213 in the form
16 of a declaration of financial support;

17 “(B) such relative has obtained, for the
18 duration of his or her stay in the United States,
19 a short-term travel medical insurance policy or
20 an existing health insurance policy that pro-
21 vides coverage for international medical ex-
22 penses; and

23 “(C) such relative expresses intent to leave
24 the United States at the conclusion of the pe-
25 riod of authorized admission.

1 “(3) PERIOD OF AUTHORIZED ADMISSION.—

2 The period of authorized admission for a non-
3 immigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(B)(iii)
4 shall not exceed 90 days per calendar year.

5 “(4) PETITIONER ELIGIBILITY.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An individual may not
7 petition for the admission of a relative as a
8 nonimmigrant described in section
9 101(a)(15)(B)(iii) if the individual previously
10 petitioned for the admission of such a relative
11 who—

12 “(i) was admitted to the United
13 States pursuant to a visa issued under that
14 section as a result; and

15 “(ii) overstayed his or her period of
16 authorized admission.

17 “(B) PREVIOUS PETITIONERS.—An indi-
18 vidual filing a declaration of financial support
19 for the admission of a relative as a non-
20 immigrant described in section
21 101(a)(15)(B)(iii) who has previously provided
22 a declaration of financial support for such a rel-
23 ative shall certify to the Secretary of Homeland
24 Security that the relative whose admission the
25 individual previously supported did not overstay

1 his or her period of authorized admission or
2 provide an explanation of why the relative's
3 overstay was due to extraordinary cir-
4 cumstances beyond the control of the relative. A
5 certification under this subparagraph shall be
6 subject to section 1001 of title 18, United
7 States Code.

8 “(C) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Home-
9 land Security may waive the application of sec-
10 tion 212(a)(9)(B) in the case of a non-
11 immigrant described in section
12 101(a)(15)(B)(iii) who overstayed his or her pe-
13 riod of authorized admission due to extraor-
14 dinary circumstances beyond the control of the
15 nonimmigrant.”.

16 (c) RESTRICTION ON CHANGE OF STATUS.—Section
17 248(a)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
18 U.S.C. 1258(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

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

22 (d) FAMILY PURPOSE VISA ELIGIBILITY WHILE
23 AWAITING IMMIGRANT VISA.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section
25 214(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8

1 U.S.C. 1184(b)), a nonimmigrant described in sec-
2 tion 101(a)(15)(B)(iii) of that Act who has been
3 classified as an immigrant under section 201 of that
4 Act (8 U.S.C. 1151) and is awaiting the availability
5 of an immigrant visa subject to the numerical limita-
6 tions under section 203 of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1153)
7 may be admitted pursuant to a family purpose visa,
8 in accordance with section 214(s) of that Act, if the
9 individual is otherwise eligible for admission.

10 (2) LIMITATION.—An alien admitted as a non-
11 immigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(B)(iii) of
12 the Immigration and Nationality Act shall not be
13 considered to have been admitted to the United
14 States for purposes of section 245(a) of that Act (8
15 U.S.C. 1255(a)).

16 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act,
17 or the amendments made by this Act, shall be construed—

18 (1) to limit the authority of immigration offi-
19 cers to refuse to admit to the United States an ap-
20 plicant under section 101(a)(15)(B)(iii) of the Immi-
21 gration and Nationality Act who fails to meet one or
22 more of the criteria under section 214(s) of that
23 Act, or who is inadmissible under section 212(a) of
24 that Act; or

1 (2) to preclude the application of section
2 101(a)(15)(B)(ii) of the Immigration and Nation-
3 ality Act to family travel for pleasure in accordance
4 with the policies and procedures in effect on the day
5 before the date of the enactment of this Act.

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