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H. R. 4145

To require the Attorney General and the Secretary of State to designate Ireland as a pilot program country for purposes of the visa waiver pilot program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCLOSKEY (for himself, Mr. MACHTLEY, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. QUINN, Mr. WALSH, Mr. APPEGATE, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. COYNE, Mr. GILMAN, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. MANTON, and Ms. MOLINARI) 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. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) Ireland and the United States have close
6 cultural and historical ties;

1 (2) citizens of Ireland who have entered the
2 United States on nonimmigrant visas have dem-
3 onstrated exemplary overstay rates of 0.08 percent
4 in 1992 and 1.2 percent in 1991;

5 (3) the overstay rates of citizens of Ireland who
6 enter the United States on nonimmigrant visas are
7 comparable to the overstay rates of citizens of the
8 Western European countries that are currently des-
9 ignated as pilot program countries for purposes of
10 the visa waiver pilot program described in section
11 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
12 U.S.C. 1187); and

13 (4) citizens of the United States are able to
14 enter Ireland without obtaining nonimmigrant visas,
15 while citizens of Ireland do not receive the same
16 privilege regarding entry into the United States.

17 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF IRELAND AS VISA WAIVER PILOT**
18 **PROGRAM COUNTRY.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General and the
20 Secretary of State shall jointly designate Ireland as a pilot
21 program country under section 217(c)(1) of the Immigra-
22 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187(c)(1)) for pur-
23 poses of the visa waiver pilot program described in section
24 217 of such Act.

1 (b) REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CONTINUING
2 QUALIFICATION.—The provisions of section 217(c)(3)(A)
3 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
4 1187(c)(3)(A)) shall apply to the qualification of Ireland
5 for designation as a pilot program country for each fiscal
6 year after the fiscal year for which the designation re-
7 quired by subsection (a) is made.

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