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# H. R. 2278

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2001

Mr. GEKAS (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. CANNON, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Ms. DUNN of Washington, and Mr. DREIER) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR SPOUSES OF**  
2 **INTRACOMPANY TRANSFEREES.**

3 Section 214(c)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality  
4 Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(2)) is amended by adding at the  
5 end the following:

6 “(E) In the case of an alien spouse admitted under  
7 section 101(a)(15)(L), who is accompanying or following  
8 to join a principal alien admitted under such section, the  
9 Attorney General shall authorize the alien spouse to en-  
10 gage in employment in the United States and provide the  
11 spouse with an ‘employment authorized’ endorsement or  
12 other appropriate work permit.”.

13 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION OF REQUIRED PERIOD OF PRIOR CON-**  
14 **TINUOUS EMPLOYMENT FOR CERTAIN**  
15 **INTRACOMPANY TRANSFEREES.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 214(c)(2)(A) of the Immi-  
17 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(2)(A)) is  
18 amended by adding at the end the following:

19 “In the case of an alien seeking admission under section  
20 101(a)(15)(L), the one-year period of continuous employ-  
21 ment required under such section is deemed to be reduced  
22 to a 6-month period if the importing employer has filed  
23 a blanket petition under this subparagraph and met the  
24 requirements for expedited processing of aliens covered  
25 under such petition.”.

1           (b)           CONFORMING           AMENDMENT.—Section  
2 101(a)(15)(L) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
3 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(L)) is amended by striking “an alien  
4 who,” and inserting “subject to section 214(c)(2), an alien  
5 who,”.

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