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# S. 3821

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2006

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 either the “Creating Oppor-  
5       tunities for Minor League Professionals, Entertainers, and  
6       Teams through Legal Entry Act of 2006” or the “COM-  
7       PETE Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. NONIMMIGRANT ALIEN STATUS FOR CERTAIN ATH-**  
2 **LETES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 214(c)(4)(A) of the Immi-  
4 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(4)(A)) is  
5 amended by striking clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting the  
6 following:

7 “(i)(I) performs as an athlete, individually or as  
8 part of a group or team, at an internationally recog-  
9 nized level of performance;

10 “(II) is a professional athlete, as defined in sec-  
11 tion 204(i)(2);

12 “(III) performs as an athlete, or as a coach, as  
13 part of a team or franchise that is located in the  
14 United States and a member of a foreign league or  
15 association of 15 or more amateur sports teams, if—

16 “(aa) the foreign league or association is  
17 the highest level of amateur performance of  
18 that sport in the relevant foreign country;

19 “(bb) participation in such league or asso-  
20 ciation renders players ineligible, whether on a  
21 temporary or permanent basis, to earn a schol-  
22 arship in, or participate in, that sport at a col-  
23 lege or university in the United States under  
24 the rules of the National Collegiate Athletic As-  
25 sociation; and

1           “(cc) a significant number of the individ-  
2           uals who play in such league or association are  
3           drafted by a major sports league or a minor  
4           league affiliate of such a sports league; or

5           “(IV) is a professional athlete or amateur ath-  
6           lete who performs individually or as part of a group  
7           in a theatrical ice skating production; and

8           “(ii) seeks to enter the United States tempo-  
9           rarily and solely for the purpose of performing—

10           “(I) as such an athlete with respect to a  
11           specific athletic competition; or

12           “(II) in the case of an individual described  
13           in clause (i)(IV), in a specific theatrical ice  
14           skating production or tour.”.

15           (b) PETITIONS FOR MULTIPLE ALIENS.—Section  
16 214(c)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
17 U.S.C. 1184(c)(4)) is amended by adding at the end the  
18 following:

19           “(F) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall per-  
20           mit a petition under this subsection to seek classification  
21           of more than 1 alien as a nonimmigrant under section  
22 101(a)(15)(P)(i)(a).”.

23           (c) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE  
24 IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.—Section  
25 214(c)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8

1 U.S.C. 1184(c)(4)), as amended by subsection (b), is fur-  
2 ther amended by adding at the end the following:

3       “(G) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
4 title, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall permit an  
5 athlete, or the employer of an athlete, to seek admission  
6 to the United States for such athlete under a provision  
7 of this Act other than section 101(a)(15)(P)(i).”.

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