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H. R. 3123

To extend the designation of Liberia under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act so that Liberians can continue to be eligible for temporary protected status under that section.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. WALBERG, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. PENCE, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Mr. BLUNT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To extend the designation of Liberia under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act so that Liberians can continue to be eligible for temporary protected status under that section.

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. EXTENSION OF DESIGNATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The designation of Liberia under
5 section 244(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act
6 (8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1)) is extended through September
7 30, 2008.

1 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall be applied
2 so as to render eligible for temporary protected status and
3 work authorization, in accordance with subsections (a), (e)
4 and (f) of section 244 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a), an
5 alien who is a national of Liberia (or in the case of an
6 alien having no nationality, is a person who last habitually
7 resided in Liberia) and is otherwise eligible under sub-
8 section (c) of such section, if the alien—

9 (1) was granted such status under the designa-
10 tion of Liberia that is effective until October 1, 2007
11 (71 Fed. Reg. 55000);

12 (2) applied for such status under such designa-
13 tion, and such application is still pending; or

14 (3) is eligible for late initial registration under
15 section 244(c) of such Act and the regulations im-
16 plementing such section.

17 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than 60 days after
18 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
19 Homeland Security shall publish in the Federal Register
20 procedures for aliens to register for temporary protected
21 status under the extension made by this Act, and to apply
22 for any applicable work authorization or extension of work
23 authorization. Such registration period shall be not less
24 than 60 days long.

1 (d) EXTENSION OF CURRENT WORK AUTHORIZA-
2 TIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any
3 work authorization provided under section 244 of the Im-
4 migration and Nationality Act pursuant to the designation
5 of Liberia that is effective until October 1, 2007, is ex-
6 tended until not earlier than April 1, 2008.

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