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To provide for the admission to the United States of nonimmigrant business facilitation visitors.

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Mr. MEEKS of New York (for himself and Mr. FEENEY) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Business Travel Facili-  
5 tation Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. BUSINESS FACILITATION VISITORS.**

7 Section 214 of the Immigration and Nationality Act  
8 (8 U.S.C. 1184) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing new subsection:

10 “(s) BUSINESS FACILITATION VISITORS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section  
2           101(a)(15)(B), the term ‘visiting the United States  
3           temporarily for business’ includes visiting the United  
4           States temporarily as a business facilitation visitor,  
5           as defined in paragraph (2).

6           “(2) DEFINITION OF BUSINESS FACILITATION  
7           VISITOR.—For purposes of this subsection, a busi-  
8           ness facilitation visitor is an alien who is visiting the  
9           United States temporarily to—

10                   “(A) provide services pursuant to a quali-  
11                   fying services contract, as defined in paragraph  
12                   (7); or

13                   “(B) with respect to personnel of a United  
14                   States entity—

15                           “(i) to provide management or tech-  
16                           nical training to such personnel; or

17                           “(ii) to receive management or tech-  
18                           nical training from such personnel.

19           “(3) CONDITIONS.—

20                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—No alien may be ad-  
21                   mitted or provided status as a business facilita-  
22                   tion visitor unless—

23                           “(i) the alien is a national of a coun-  
24                           try that the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
25                           rity has certified as having entered into ar-

1           rangements with the United States to com-  
2           bat fraud in the application for visas to the  
3           United States through the use of measures  
4           such as machine readable passports and bi-  
5           ometric technology; and

6           “(ii) the consular officer to whom the  
7           alien applies for a visa under the provi-  
8           sions of section 101(a)(15)(B) determines,  
9           based on evidence provided by the alien,  
10          that the conditions described in this para-  
11          graph have been met.

12          “(B) CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO PRO-  
13          VISION OF SERVICES.—In the case of the provi-  
14          sion of services as described in paragraph  
15          (2)(A), the conditions described in this para-  
16          graph are that—

17                 “(i) all of the alien’s remuneration  
18                 and expenses related to the provision of  
19                 such services will be paid by the alien’s  
20                 employer; and

21                 “(ii) the alien is qualified to provide  
22                 such services, as demonstrated by the  
23                 alien’s possession of—

24                         “(I) expert knowledge of the enti-  
25                         ty’s technology or operations on the

1 basis of technical training or experi-  
2 ence; and

3 “(II) all licenses or other author-  
4 izations required to provide the serv-  
5 ices in the United States.

6 “(C) CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO PRO-  
7 VISION OR RECEIPT OF MANAGEMENT OR TECH-  
8 NICAL TRAINING.—In the case of the provision  
9 or receipt of management or technical training  
10 as described in paragraph (2)(B), the condi-  
11 tions described in this paragraph are that—

12 “(i) the alien is an employee of a firm,  
13 corporation, or other legal entity that—

14 “(I) is affiliated through owner-  
15 ship or control with the United States  
16 entity whose personnel will be pro-  
17 viding or receiving the training;

18 “(II) has entered into a joint  
19 venture or similar agreement with the  
20 United States entity; or

21 “(III) has purchased, or is con-  
22 sidering purchasing, goods or services  
23 from, or has sold goods or services to,  
24 the United States entity, and the

1 training is related to such purchase or  
2 sale;

3 “(ii) all of the alien’s remuneration  
4 and expenses related to the provision or re-  
5 ceipt of such training will be paid by the  
6 alien’s employer;

7 “(iii) in the case of an alien seeking to  
8 provide management training, the alien  
9 has—

10 “(I) at least five years of experi-  
11 ence directly related to management  
12 or management training; and

13 “(II) detailed knowledge of the  
14 business operations of the alien’s em-  
15 ployer; and

16 “(iv) in the case of an alien seeking to  
17 receive management training, the alien  
18 holds, or will hold within one year of com-  
19 pleting the training, a management level  
20 position within the alien’s employer.

21 “(4) PERIOD OF AUTHORIZED ADMISSION.—

22 “(A) BUSINESS FACILITATION VISITORS  
23 PROVIDING SERVICES.—The period of author-  
24 ized admission for an alien admitted as a busi-  
25 ness facilitation visitor providing professional

1 services as described in paragraph (2)(A) shall  
2 not exceed one year. However, the Secretary of  
3 Homeland Security may grant such alien a sin-  
4 gle extension of not more than six months if the  
5 Secretary determines, based on evidence pro-  
6 vided by the alien, that—

7 “(i) there has been an unforeseen  
8 delay in completing the provision of serv-  
9 ices described in the qualifying services  
10 contract; and

11 “(ii) replacing the alien with another  
12 provider of professional services would fur-  
13 ther delay or otherwise inhibit fulfillment  
14 of the terms of the contract.

15 “(B) BUSINESS FACILITATION VISITORS  
16 PROVIDING OR RECEIVING MANAGEMENT OR  
17 TECHNICAL TRAINING.—The period of author-  
18 ized admission for an alien admitted as a busi-  
19 ness facilitation visitor providing or receiving  
20 management or technical training, as described  
21 in paragraph (2)(B), may not exceed one year.

22 “(5) NO CHANGE OF STATUS.—Notwith-  
23 standing any other provision of this Act, an alien ad-  
24 mitted as a business facilitation visitor shall not be  
25 eligible for a change of nonimmigrant status or for

1 an adjustment from nonimmigrant to immigrant sta-  
2 tus during the alien’s stay in the United States.

3 “(6) AUTHORIZATION TO COUNTER PATTERN  
4 OF FRAUD.—If the Secretary of Homeland Security  
5 finds that nationals of a country have engaged in a  
6 pattern of fraud involving visa applications or other  
7 immigration matters, the Secretary may prohibit  
8 such nationals from admission to the United States  
9 as business facilitation visitors for such period of  
10 time as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

11 “(7) DEFINITION OF QUALIFYING SERVICES  
12 CONTRACT.—For purposes of this subsection, a  
13 qualifying services contract is a contract between a  
14 foreign provider of professional services and a  
15 United States entity, the terms of which include—

16 “(A) the time period during which the  
17 alien will be required to be present in the  
18 United States in order to fulfill the terms of the  
19 contract;

20 “(B) the duties to be performed by the  
21 alien in the United States;

22 “(C) provisions stating that—

23 “(i) the alien’s remuneration and ex-  
24 penses will be paid by the foreign provider;

1           “(ii) the United States entity will pro-  
2           vide the alien with working conditions com-  
3           parable to those of similarly situated pro-  
4           viders of professional services to the entity  
5           and consistent with the applicable require-  
6           ments of the Fair Labor Standards Act of  
7           1938 (29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.); and

8           “(iii) the alien possesses the creden-  
9           tials necessary to provide the services cov-  
10          ered by the contract, including any licenses  
11          or other authorizations required to provide  
12          the services in the United States; and

13          “(D) a provision stating the respective re-  
14          sponsibilities of the foreign provider for ensur-  
15          ing the alien’s—

16                 “(i) compliance with the terms of the  
17                 alien’s admission to the United States; and

18                 “(ii) return to the alien’s home coun-  
19                 try at the conclusion of the period for  
20                 which the alien is admitted.”.

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