

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 703

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the eligibility of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for designation for participation in the visa waiver program for certain visitors to the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 11, 2013

Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. HATCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY OF HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMIN-**
 2 **ISTRATIVE REGION FOR DESIGNATION FOR**
 3 **PARTICIPATION IN VISA WAIVER PROGRAM**
 4 **FOR CERTAIN VISITORS TO THE UNITED**
 5 **STATES.**

6 Section 217(c) of the Immigration and Nationality
 7 Act (8 U.S.C. 1187(c)) is amended by adding at the end
 8 the following new paragraph:

9 “(12) **ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN REGION FOR**
 10 **DESIGNATION AS PROGRAM COUNTRY.**—The Hong
 11 Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s
 12 Republic of China—

13 “(A) shall be eligible for designation as a
 14 program country for purposes of this sub-
 15 section; and

16 “(B) may be designated as a program
 17 country for purposes of this subsection if such
 18 region meets requirements applicable for such
 19 designation in this subsection.”.

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