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H. R. 4823

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for special procedures for P-2 nonimmigrants who are Canadian citizens, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2016

Mr. TROTT (for himself, Mr. COLLINS of New York, and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Bringing Entertain-
5 ment Artists to the States (BEATS) Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RULES FOR P-2 NONIMMIGRANTS WHO**
7 **ARE CANADIAN CITIZENS.**

8 Section 214(c)(4)(E) of the Immigration and Nation-
9 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(4)(E)) is amended by adding

1 at the end the following: “A petition described in section
2 101(a)(15)(P)(ii) seeking classification of a citizen of Can-
3 ada as a nonimmigrant under that section may be filed
4 in conjunction with an application for admission of the
5 citizen of Canada. Such filing may be made with an immi-
6 gration officer at a Class A port of entry located on the
7 United States-Canada land border or at a United States
8 pre-clearance station in Canada. The petitioning organiza-
9 tion is not required to make an appearance (either person-
10 ally or by telecommunication), but the application form
11 shall bear the authorized signature of the petitioner. An
12 immigration officer at such a port of entry or pre-clear-
13 ance station may determine eligibility of an individual citi-
14 zen of Canada seeking nonimmigrant classification under
15 section 101(a)(15)(P)(ii). If such petition is submitted
16 concurrently with an application for admission and lacks
17 necessary supporting documentation or is otherwise defi-
18 cient, the inspecting immigration officer shall return it to
19 the applicant for admission in order to obtain the nec-
20 essary documentation from the petitioner or for the defi-
21 ciency to be corrected. Nothing in this section may be con-
22 strued to preclude or discourage the advance filing of peti-
23 tions in accordance with other sections of this Act. After
24 admission to the United States, a citizen of Canada admit-
25 ted pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(P)(ii) may, during the

1 period of validity for nonimmigrant status under such sec-
2 tion and without filing an amended petition, (i) alter the
3 dates and venues of performances listed in the original pe-
4 tition and (ii) add additional performances or engage-
5 ments, provided that the altered or additional perform-
6 ances or engagements constitute no more than one third
7 of the performances or engagements listed on the original
8 petition.”.

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