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To permit aliens seeking asylum to be eligible for employment in the United States and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30, 2015

Mr. KING 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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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Asylum Seeker Work Authorization Act of 2015''.

SEC. 2. EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR ALIENS SEEKING ASYLUM.

Paragraph (2) of section 208(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1158(d)) is amended to read as follows:

"(2) EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION.—

"(A) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall authorize employment for an applicant for asylum who is not in detention and whose application for asylum has not been determined frivolous.

"(B) APPLICATION.—An applicant for asylum who is not otherwise eligible for employment authorization shall not be granted such authorization prior to 30 days after the date of filing of the application for asylum.

"(C) TERM.—Employment authorization for an applicant for asylum—

"(i) shall be for a period of 1 year; and

"(ii) shall be renewable for additional 1-year periods for the entire continuous period necessary to adjudicate the applicant's asylum claim, including administrative or judicial review.".

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