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To designate Haiti under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Haiti to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself, Ms. LEE, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. SOTO, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, Ms. BASS, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Mr. SERRANO) 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 “Haiti Emergency Re-
5 lief Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF GRANTING TEM-**
2 **PORARY PROTECTED STATUS.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 244
5 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
6 1254a), Haiti shall be treated as if it had been des-
7 ignated under subsection (b) of such section, subject
8 to the provisions of this section.

9 (2) PERIOD OF DESIGNATION.—The initial pe-
10 riod of such designation shall begin on the date of
11 the enactment of this Act and shall remain in effect
12 for 18 months.

13 (b) ALIENS ELIGIBLE.—In applying section 244 of
14 such Act pursuant to the designation made under this sec-
15 tion, subject to section 244(c)(3) of such Act, an alien who
16 is a national of Haiti shall be deemed to satisfy the re-
17 quirements of section 244(c)(1) of such Act only if the
18 alien—

19 (1) has been continuously physically present in
20 the United States since November 4, 2016;

21 (2) is admissible as an immigrant, except as
22 otherwise provided under section 244(c)(2)(A) of
23 such Act, and is not ineligible for temporary pro-
24 tected status under section 244(c)(2)(B) of such
25 Act; and

1 (3) registers for temporary protected status in
2 a manner that the Secretary of Homeland Security
3 shall establish.

4 (c) CONSENT TO TRAVEL ABROAD.—The Secretary
5 of Homeland Security shall give the prior consent to travel
6 abroad described in section 244(f)(3) of such Act to an
7 alien who is granted temporary protected status pursuant
8 to the designation made under this section, if the alien
9 establishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Home-
10 land Security that emergency and extenuating cir-
11 cumstances beyond the control of the alien require the
12 alien to depart for a brief, temporary trip abroad. An alien
13 returning to the United States in accordance with such
14 an authorization shall be treated the same as any other
15 returning alien provided temporary protected status under
16 section 244 of such Act.

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