

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2289

To amend section 240(e)(7)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the time limit on the filing of a motion to reopen a removal proceeding if the basis of the motion is fraud, negligence, misrepresentation, or extortion by, or the attempted, promised, or actual practice of law without authorization on the part of, a representative.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2019

Mr. VEASEY (for himself, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. SOTO, Mr. CORREA, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. MCGOVERN) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Notario Victim Relief
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF TIME LIMIT ON MOTIONS TO RE-**
5 **OPEN IN CERTAIN CASES.**

6 Section 240(c)(7)(C) of the Immigration and Nation-
7 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229a(c)(7)(C)) is amended by adding
8 at the end the following:

9 “(v) FRAUD, NEGLIGENCE, MISREPRE-
10 SENTATION, OR EXTORTION BY, OR AT-
11 TEMPTED, PROMISED, OR ACTUAL PRAC-
12 TICE OF LAW WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION
13 ON THE PART OF, A REPRESENTATIVE.—
14 There is no time limit on the filing of a
15 motion to reopen if the basis of the motion
16 is to apply for relief due to fraud, neg-
17 ligence, misrepresentation, or extortion by,
18 or attempted, promised, or actual practice
19 of law without authorization on the part
20 of, a representative described in subsection
21 (a) or (b) of section 1292.1 of title 8, Code
22 of Federal Regulations, or a person who
23 claimed to be such a representative, and
24 the alien establishes such fraud, neg-
25 ligence, misrepresentation, or extortion by,
26 or attempted, promised, or actual practice

1 of law without authorization on the part
2 of, such a representative (or person) by a
3 preponderance of evidence.”.

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