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H. R. 2877

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To add Ireland to the E-3 nonimmigrant visa program.

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. E-3 VISAS FOR IRISH NATIONALS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii) of the
3 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
4 1101(a)(15)(E)(iii)) is amended by inserting “or, on a
5 basis of reciprocity as determined by the Secretary of
6 State, a national of Ireland,” after “Australia”.

7 (b) EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS.—Section 212 of the
8 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182) is
9 amended—

10 (1) by redesignating the second subsection (t)
11 (as added by section 1(b)(2)(B) of Public Law 108–
12 449 (118 Stat. 3470)) as subsection (u); and

13 (2) by adding at the end of subsection (t)(1)
14 (as added by section 402(b)(2) of Public Law 108–
15 77 (117 Stat. 941)) the following:

16 “(E) In the case of an attestation filed with re-
17 spect to a national of Ireland described in section
18 101(a)(15)(E)(iii), the employer is, and will remain
19 during the period of authorized employment of such
20 Irish national, a participant in good standing in the
21 E-Verify program described in section 403(a) of the
22 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Respon-
23 sibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1324a note).”.

24 (c) APPLICATION ALLOCATION.—Paragraph (11) of
25 section 214(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
26 U.S.C. 1184(g)(11)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(11)(A) The Secretary of State may approve
2 initial applications submitted for aliens described in
3 section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii) only as follows:

4 “(i) For applicants who are nationals of
5 the Commonwealth of Australia, not more than
6 10,500 for a fiscal year.

7 “(ii) For applicants who are nationals of
8 Ireland, not more than a number equal to the
9 difference between 10,500 and the number of
10 applications approved in the prior fiscal year
11 for aliens who are nationals of the Common-
12 wealth of Australia.

13 “(B) The approval of an application described
14 under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be deemed for nu-
15 merical control purposes to have occurred on Sep-
16 tember 30 of the prior fiscal year.

17 “(C) The numerical limitation under subpara-
18 graph (A) shall only apply to principal aliens and
19 not to the spouses or children of such aliens.”.

Passed the House of Representatives March 9,
2020.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.