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H. R. 4272

To designate The Bahamas under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of The Bahamas to be eligible for temporary protected status, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself, Ms. PLASKETT, and Ms. LEE of California) 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 “TPS for Victims of
5 Hurricane Dorian Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF GRANTING TEM-**
2 **PORARY PROTECTED STATUS TO NATIONALS**
3 **OF THE BAHAMAS.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 244
6 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
7 1254a), The Bahamas shall be treated as if it had
8 been designated under subsection (b) of that section,
9 subject to the provisions of this section.

10 (2) PERIOD OF DESIGNATION.—The initial pe-
11 riod of the designation referred to in paragraph (1)
12 shall be for the 18-month period beginning on the
13 date of the enactment of this Act.

14 (b) ALIENS ELIGIBLE.—As a result of the designa-
15 tion made under subsection (a), an alien who is a national
16 of The Bahamas is deemed to satisfy the requirements
17 under paragraph (1) of section 244(c) of the Immigration
18 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(c)), subject to para-
19 graph (3) of such section, if the alien—

20 (1) has been continuously physically present in
21 the United States since the date of the enactment of
22 this Act;

23 (2) is admissible as an immigrant, except as
24 otherwise provided in paragraph (2)(A) of such sec-
25 tion, and is not ineligible for temporary protected
26 status under paragraph (2)(B) of such section; and

1 (3) registers for temporary protected status in
2 a manner established by the Secretary of Homeland
3 Security.

4 (c) CONSENT TO TRAVEL ABROAD.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
6 Security shall give prior consent to travel abroad, in
7 accordance with section 244(f)(3) of the Immigra-
8 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(f)(3)), to
9 an alien who is granted temporary protected status
10 pursuant to the designation made under subsection
11 (a) if the alien establishes to the satisfaction of the
12 Secretary of Homeland Security that emergency and
13 extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the
14 alien require the alien to depart for a brief, tem-
15 porary trip abroad.

16 (2) TREATMENT UPON RETURN.—An alien re-
17 turning to the United States in accordance with an
18 authorization described in paragraph (1) shall be
19 treated as any other returning alien provided tem-
20 porary protected status under section 244 of the Im-
21 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a).

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