

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4479

To temporarily provide Commonwealth-only transitional worker permits for workers in construction occupations involved in disaster recovery, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

Mr. SABLAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Disaster Recovery
5 Workforce Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSTRUCTION WORKER PERMITS.**

7 Section 6(d)(3) of the Joint Resolution entitled “A
8 Joint Resolution to approve the ‘Covenant To Establish

1 a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Po-
2 litical Union with the United States of America’, and for
3 other purposes” (48 U.S.C. 1806) is amended by adding
4 at the end the following:

5 “(E) TYPHOON RECOVERY.—

6 “(i) PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION
7 WORKERS.—Notwithstanding any numer-
8 ical cap set forth in subparagraph (B) for
9 each of fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022,
10 the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
11 increase by 3,000, for each such fiscal
12 year, the total number of aliens who may
13 receive a permit under this section for
14 Construction and Extraction Occupations
15 (as defined by the Department of Labor as
16 Standard Occupational Classification
17 Group 47–0000).

18 “(ii) EXCEPTION FOR CONSTRUCTION
19 WORKERS.—Subparagraph (D)(v) shall not
20 apply to an alien who receives a permit de-
21 scribed in clause (i) for any fiscal year de-
22 scribed in such clause.”.

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