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TEXT OF H.R. 549, VENEZUELA TPS ACT OF 2019

**[Showing the text of H.R. 549, as reported by the Committee
on the Judiciary, with modifications]**

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Venezuela TPS Act
3 of 2019”.

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

6 (a) DESIGNATION.—

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

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

16 (b) ALIENS ELIGIBLE.—As a result of the designa-
17 tion made under subsection (a), an alien who is a national
18 of Venezuela is deemed to satisfy the requirements under
19 paragraph (1) of section 244(c) of the Immigration and

1 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(c)), subject to paragraph
2 (3) of such section, if the alien—

3 (1) has been continuously physically present in
4 the United States since the date of the enactment of
5 this Act;

6 (2) is admissible as an immigrant, except as
7 otherwise provided in paragraph (2)(A) of such sec-
8 tion, and is not ineligible for temporary protected
9 status under paragraph (2)(B) of such section; and

10 (3) registers for temporary protected status in
11 a manner established by the Secretary of Homeland
12 Security.

13 (c) CONSENT TO TRAVEL ABROAD.—

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

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

7 (d) FEE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any other fee
9 authorized by law, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
10 rity is authorized to charge and collect a fee of \$360
11 for each application for temporary protected status
12 under section 244 of the Immigration and Nation-
13 ality Act by a person who is only eligible for such
14 status by reason of subsection (a).

15 (2) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
16 curity shall permit aliens to apply for a waiver of
17 any fees associated with filing an application re-
18 ferred to in paragraph (1).

19 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

20 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
21 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
22 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
23 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
24 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
25 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-

1 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
2 vote on passage.

