

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6875

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2023

Ms. SALAZAR (for herself and Mr. KIM of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 “United States-Uruguay
5 Economic Partnership Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF URUGUAY FOR DESIGNATION AS A**
7 **BENEFICIARY COUNTRY UNDER CARIBBEAN**
8 **BASIN ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT.**

9 Section 212(b) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Re-
10 covery Act (19 U.S.C. 2702(b)) is amended by inserting
11 after “Turks and Caicos Islands” the following new item:
12 “Uruguay”.

13 **SEC. 3. NONIMMIGRANT TRADERS AND INVESTORS.**

14 For purposes of clauses (i) and (ii) of section
15 101(a)(15)(E) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
16 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(E)), Uruguay shall be considered to
17 be a foreign state described in such section if the Govern-
18 ment of Uruguay provides similar nonimmigrant status to
19 nationals of the United States.

20 **SEC. 4. VISA WAIVER PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.**

21 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
22 gress that the Secretary of Homeland Security, in con-
23 sultation with the Secretary of State, should conduct a re-
24 view as to whether Uruguay meets the eligibility criteria
25 for designation as a program country for purposes of the

1 visa waiver program under section 217 of the Immigration
2 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187).

3 (b) VISA WAIVER PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.—Not later
4 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
5 the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with
6 the Secretary of State, shall submit to Congress a report
7 that includes—

8 (1) an assessment as to whether Uruguay meets
9 the eligibility criteria for designation as a program
10 country for purposes of the visa waiver program
11 under section 217 of the Immigration and Nation-
12 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187); and

13 (2) in the case of such an assessment that Uru-
14 guay does not meet such eligibility criteria, a de-
15 scription of the actions required of Uruguay in order
16 to meet such criteria.

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