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To provide for a limitation on the ability to issue any visa or provide any status under the immigration laws until certain conditions have been met.

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Mr. ROY (for himself, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. SELF, Mr. OGLES, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. FINE, and Mr. CRANE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide for a limitation on the ability to issue any visa or provide any status under the immigration laws until certain conditions have been met.

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 “Pausing on Admissions
5 Until Security Ensured Act of 2025” or as the “PAUSE
6 Act of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
9 sion of law, but except as provided in subsection (c), no

1 alien may be issued a visa or provided any status under
2 the immigration laws, until the immigration laws provide
3 that—

4 (1) States and localities are not prohibited from
5 denying access to public schools to aliens present in
6 the United States without lawful status under the
7 immigration laws;

8 (2) no nonimmigrant may adjust status to that
9 of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent resi-
10 dence;

11 (3) citizenship at birth is only available to a
12 child who—

13 (A) is born in the United States; and

14 (B) has at least one parent who is—

15 (i) a citizen of the United States; or

16 (ii) an alien lawfully admitted for per-
17 manent residency in the United States;

18 (4) no alien may be accorded any status under
19 section 201(a)(1) of the Immigration and Nation-
20 ality Act unless that alien is—

21 (A) the spouse or minor child of a United
22 States citizen; or

23 (B) the spouse or minor child of an alien
24 lawfully admitted for permanent residency;

1 (5) no alien may be accorded any lawful status
2 under the immigration laws if that alien is—

3 (A) an Islamist;

4 (B) an observer of Sharia law;

5 (C) a member or associate of the Chinese
6 Communist Party;

7 (D) a known or suspected terrorist;

8 (E) a known or suspected member of a for-
9 eign terrorist organization; or

10 (F) a person who is affiliated with any for-
11 eign terrorist organization; and

12 (6) no alien may be provided—

13 (A) any benefit payable under title XVIII
14 of the Social Security Act (relating to the medi-
15 care program);

16 (B) medical assistance under title XIX of
17 the Social Security Act (or any successor pro-
18 gram to such title) for care and services that
19 are necessary for the treatment of an emer-
20 gency medical condition (as defined in section
21 1903(v)(3) of such Act) of the alien involved
22 and are not related to an organ transplant pro-
23 cedure, if the alien involved otherwise meets the
24 eligibility requirements for medical assistance
25 under the State plan approved under such title

1 (other than the requirement of the receipt of
2 aid or assistance under title IV of such Act,
3 supplemental security income benefits under
4 title XVI of such Act, or a State supplementary
5 payment);

6 (C) any benefit under the supplemental se-
7 curity income program under title XVI of the
8 Social Security Act, including supplementary
9 payments pursuant to an agreement for Federal
10 administration under section 1616(a) of the So-
11 cial Security Act and payments pursuant to an
12 agreement entered into under section 212(b) of
13 Public Law 93–66;

14 (D) any benefit under the supplemental
15 nutrition assistance program established under
16 the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C.
17 2011 et seq.);

18 (E) any credit under section 36B of the
19 Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

20 (F) any credit under section 32 of the In-
21 ternal Revenue Code of 1986;

22 (G) any benefit under the special supple-
23 mental nutrition program for women, infants,
24 and children established by section 17 of the
25 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786);

1 (H) a loan made, insured, or guaranteed
2 under title IV of the Higher Education Act of
3 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.);

4 (I) any benefit under any program for
5 housing or community development assistance
6 or financial assistance administered by the Sec-
7 retary of Housing and Urban Development, any
8 program under title V of the Housing Act of
9 1949, or any assistance under section 306C of
10 the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development
11 Act; and

12 (J) any loan or loan guarantee under the
13 Small Business Act.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
16 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
17 shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this
18 Act.

19 (2) PRIOR APPLICATION.—Notwithstanding
20 paragraph (1), in the case of any alien who applied
21 for any status under the immigration laws before the
22 date of the enactment of this Act who is ineligible
23 for such status by reason of the enactment of this
24 Act, such application shall be revoked, and any fee
25 paid by such alien shall be refunded.

1 (c) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition on the issuance of
2 a visa or provision of status under subsection (a) does not
3 apply in the case of a visa or status under section
4 101(a)(15)(B)(ii).

5 **SEC. 3. H-1B FEES.**

6 Section 214(c) of the Immigration and Nationality
7 Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)) is amended by adding at the end
8 the following:

9 “(D) ADDITIONAL FEE.—Notwithstanding
10 any other provision of law, beginning with fiscal
11 year 2026, a fee of \$100,000 shall be imposed
12 on an employer filing a petition under para-
13 graph (1)—

14 “(i) initially to grant an alien non-
15 immigrant status described in section
16 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b);

17 “(ii) to extend the stay of an alien
18 having such status (unless the employer
19 previously has obtained an extension for
20 such alien); or

21 “(iii) to obtain authorization for an
22 alien having such status to change employ-
23 ers.”.

1 **SEC. 4. TERMINATION OF THE OPTIONAL PRACTICAL**
2 **TRAINING PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **ELIMINATING THE OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAIN-**
4 **ING PROGRAM.**—Section 274A(h) of the Immigration and
5 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324a) is amended by adding
6 at the end the following:

7 “(4) **EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR**
8 **ALIENS NO LONGER ENGAGED IN FULL-TIME STUDY**
9 **IN THE UNITED STATES.**—Notwithstanding any
10 other provision of law, no alien present in the United
11 States as a nonimmigrant under section
12 101(a)(15)(F)(i) may be provided employment au-
13 thorization in the United States.”.

14 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—

15 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in para-
16 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
17 shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this
18 Act.

19 (2) **SELECTEES.**—Notwithstanding paragraph
20 (1), in the case of any alien who registered for the
21 Optional Practical Training Program and received
22 notification before the date of the enactment of this
23 Act that he or she has been selected for employment
24 authorization pursuant to such program, such au-
25 thorization shall be revoked, and any fee paid by
26 such alien shall be refunded.

1 **SEC. 5. TERMINATION OF DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT VISA**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) REPEAL.—Section 203 of the Immigration and
4 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153) is amended by striking
5 subsection (c).

6 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
7 Title II of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
8 1151 et seq.) is amended—

9 (1) in section 201—

10 (A) in subsection (a)—

11 (i) in paragraph (1), by adding “and”
12 at the end;

13 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “;
14 and” and inserting a period; and

15 (iii) by striking paragraph (3); and

16 (B) by striking subsection (e);

17 (2) in section 203—

18 (A) by striking subsection (c);

19 (B) in subsection (d), by striking “sub-
20 section (a), (b), or (c)” and inserting “sub-
21 section (a) or (b)”;

22 (C) in subsection (e)—

23 (i) by striking paragraph (2); and

24 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
25 paragraph (2);

1 (D) in subsection (f), by striking “sub-
 2 section (a), (b), or (c) of this section” and in-
 3 serting “subsection (a) or (b)”;

4 (E) in subsection (g), by striking “sub-
 5 sections (a), (b), and (c)” and inserting “sub-
 6 sections (a) and (b)”;

7 (F) in subsection (h)(2)(B), by striking
 8 “subsection (a), (b), or (c)” and inserting “sub-
 9 section (a) or (b)”;

10 (3) in section 204—

11 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking sub-
 12 paragraph (I);

13 (B) in subsection (e), by striking “sub-
 14 section (a), (b), or (c)” and inserting “sub-
 15 section (a) or (b)”;

16 (C) in subsection (l)(2)(B), by striking
 17 “section 203 (a) or (d)” and inserting “sub-
 18 section (a) or (d) of section 203”.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 21 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
 22 shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this
 23 Act.

24 (2) SELECTEES.—Notwithstanding paragraph
 25 (1), in the case of any alien who registered for the

1 Diversity Immigrant Visa Program and received no-
2 tification before the date of the enactment of this
3 Act that he or she has been selected to apply for a
4 diversity immigrant visa under section 203(c) of the
5 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
6 1153(c)), such application shall be revoked, and any
7 fee paid by such alien shall be refunded.

8 **SEC. 6. DEFINITION.**

9 Terms used in this Act have the meaning given such
10 terms under section 101(a) of the Immigration and Na-
11 tionality Act.

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