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H. R. 2827

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for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself and Mrs. KIM of California) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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of Korea, and for other purposes.

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 “Partner with Korea
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RECIPROCAL VISAS FOR NATIONALS OF SOUTH**
7 **KOREA.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(15)(E) of the Im-
9 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(E))
10 is amended—

1 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “or” after “cap-
2 ital;”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end “or (iv) solely to per-
4 form services in a specialty occupation in the United
5 States if the alien is a national of the Republic of
6 Korea and with respect to whom the Secretary of
7 Labor determines and certifies to the Secretary of
8 Homeland Security and the Secretary of State that
9 the intending employer has filed with the Secretary
10 of Labor an attestation under section 212(t)(1);”.

11 (b) NUMERICAL LIMITATION.—Section 214(g) of
12 such Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)) is amended by adding at the
13 end the following:

14 “(12)(A) The Secretary of State may not approve a
15 number of initial applications submitted for aliens de-
16 scribed in section 101(a)(15)(E)(iv) that is more than the
17 applicable numerical limitations set out in this paragraph.

18 “(B) The applicable numerical limitation referred to
19 in subparagraph (A) is 15,000 for each fiscal year.

20 “(C) The applicable numerical limitation referred to
21 in subparagraph (A) shall only apply to principal aliens
22 and not the spouses or children of such aliens.”.

23 (c) SPECIALTY OCCUPATION DEFINED.—Section
24 214(i)(1) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(i)(1)) is amended

1 by striking “section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii),” and inserting
2 “clauses (iii) and (iv) of section 101(a)(15)(E),”.

3 (d) ATTESTATION.—Section 212(t) of such Act (8
4 U.S.C. 1182(t)), as added by section 402(b)(2) of the
5 United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementa-
6 tion Act (Public Law 108–77; 117 Stat. 941), is amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) by striking “or section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii)”
9 each place it appears and inserting “or clause (iii)
10 or (iv) of section 101(a)(15)(E)”;

11 (2) in paragraphs (3)(C)(i)(II), (3)(C)(ii)(II),
12 and (3)(C)(iii)(II), by striking “or
13 101(a)(15)(E)(iii)” each place it appears.

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