

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 549

AN ACT

To designate Venezuela under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Venezuela to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section, 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,*

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

22 (1) has been continuously physically present in
23 the United States since the date of the enactment of
24 this Act;

25 (2) is admissible as an immigrant, except as
26 otherwise provided in paragraph (2)(A) of such sec-

tion, and is not ineligible for temporary protected status under paragraph (2)(B) of such section; and

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

(c) CONSENT TO TRAVEL ABROAD.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall give prior consent to travel abroad, in accordance with section 244(f)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(f)(3)), to an alien who is granted temporary protected status pursuant to the designation made under subsection (a) if the alien establishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Homeland Security that emergency and extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the alien require the alien to depart for a brief, temporary trip abroad.

(2) TREATMENT UPON RETURN.—An alien returning to the United States in accordance with an authorization described in paragraph (1) shall be treated as any other returning alien provided temporary protected status under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a).

(d) FEE.—

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

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

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

13 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
 14 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
 15 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
 16 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
 17 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
 18 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
 19 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
 20 vote on passage.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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