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# H. R. 3265

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit certain E–2 nonimmigrant investors to adjust status to lawful permanent resident status.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUTHERFORD (for himself and Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “E–2 Visa Improvement  
5 Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADJUSTMENT TO LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT**  
2 **STATUS OF CERTAIN E-2 NONIMMIGRANT IN-**  
3 **VESTORS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 203(b)(5) of the Immi-  
5 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(5)) is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by inserting “ex-  
8 cept as provided in subparagraph (E)(i),” after  
9 “(ii)”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
11 paragraph:

12 “(E) SPECIAL RULES FOR CERTAIN E-2  
13 NONIMMIGRANT INVESTORS.—

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an  
15 alien who has been present in the United  
16 States in the status of an alien described  
17 in section 101(a)(15)(E)(ii) for at least 10  
18 years the alien is deemed as satisfying the  
19 requirement of subparagraph (A)(ii) if the  
20 enterprise has created full-time employ-  
21 ment for not fewer than two individuals  
22 described in such subparagraph (A)(ii).

23 “(ii) LIMITATION.—Not more than  
24 10,000 visas may be made available under  
25 this paragraph to principal aliens described  
26 in clause (i) in any fiscal year, except that

1           such visas shall not be included in the  
2           number in subparagraph (A) and shall not  
3           count towards that limitation on the total  
4           visas made available under this para-  
5           graph.”.

6           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 201(b)(1)  
7 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
8 1151(b)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

10                   “(F) Aliens who receive an immigrant visa  
11                   under section 203(b)(5)(E).”.

12           (c) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN CHILDREN OF NON-  
13 IMMIGRANT INVESTORS.—Section 214 of the Immigration  
14 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184) is amended by add-  
15 ing at the end the following:

16           “(s) CERTAIN CHILDREN OF NONIMMIGRANT INVES-  
17 TORS.—In the case of an alien seeking or that has status  
18 under section 101(a)(15)(E)(ii), notwithstanding section  
19 101(b)(1), if the son or daughter of that alien is 26 years  
20 of age or younger, that son or daughter shall be deemed  
21 a child of the alien accompanying or following to join him.  
22 The Secretary of Homeland Security may provide employ-  
23 ment authorization to such a son or daughter who is 18  
24 years of age or older and 26 years of age or younger, and  
25 who applies for such authorization. If the alien’s status

1 is terminated, such authorization shall also terminate on  
2 the same date.”.

3 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date of  
5 the enactment of this Act. Periods of presence in the  
6 United States in the status of an alien described in section  
7 101(a)(15)(E)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act  
8 (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(E)(ii)) before such date shall be  
9 counted towards satisfying the time requirement specified  
10 in subparagraph (E) of section 203(b)(5) of such Act (8  
11 U.S.C. 1153(b)(5)) (as added by paragraph (3) of sub-  
12 section (a)).

13 (e) IMMEDIATE ELIGIBILITY FOR ADJUSTMENT OF  
14 STATUS OF CERTAIN LONG-TERM E-2 NONIMMIGRANT  
15 INVESTORS.—An alien who has been present in the United  
16 States in the status of an alien described in section  
17 101(a)(15)(E)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act  
18 for not less than 10 years may be immediately eligible to  
19 adjust status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for per-  
20 manent residence pursuant to the amendment made by  
21 subsection (a).

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