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H. R. 5405

To establish a pilot program waiving the Form I–94 document issuance requirement for certain Mexican nationals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2019

Mr. STANTON (for himself and Mr. SCHWEIKERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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

To establish a pilot program waiving the Form I–94 document issuance requirement for certain Mexican nationals.

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 “Southwest Tourism
5 Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY WAIVER OF FORM I-94 BORDER CROSS-**
2 **ING CARDS AND EXTENSION FOR CERTAIN**
3 **MEXICAN NATIONALS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
5 rity shall waive the requirement to issue a Arrival-Depar-
6 ture Record Card (commonly known as “Form I-94”) as
7 evidence of admission to the United States for any na-
8 tional of Mexico who—

9 (1) is eligible for admission to the United
10 States as a nonimmigrant;

11 (2) is exempt from—

12 (A) the visa and passport requirement pur-
13 suant to section 212.1(c)(1)(i) of title 8, Code
14 of Federal Regulations; or

15 (B) the Form I-94 requirement under sec-
16 tion 235.1(h) of such title; and

17 (3) is admitted at a port of entry in the State
18 of Arizona that is on the international border be-
19 tween the United States and Mexico for the purpose
20 of visiting the State of Arizona for a period not to
21 exceed 30 days.

22 (b) SUNSET.—This section shall remain in effect dur-
23 ing the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enact-
24 ment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

2 Not later than 270 days before the end of the 5-year
3 period referred to in section 2(b), the Secretary of Home-
4 land Security shall submit a report to the Committee on
5 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
6 ate, the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, the
7 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the
9 House of Representatives that identifies—

10 (1) the difference between the number of Mexi-
11 can nationals who entered the United States at a
12 port of entry in the State of Arizona during the first
13 4 years of the 5-year period referred to in section
14 2(b) and the number of such entries during such 4-
15 year period;

16 (2) the estimated economic impact on Arizona
17 generated by the additional Mexican nationals vis-
18 iting the State;

19 (3) the difference between the number of Mexi-
20 can nationals who overstayed their visa after enter-
21 ing the United States through a port of entry in the
22 State of Arizona during the first 4 years of the 5-
23 year period referred to in section 2(b) and the num-
24 ber of such overstays during such 4-year period; and

25 (4) the improvements to border security and the
26 cost savings realized by U.S. Customs and Border

1 Protection as a result of the waiver under section
2 2(a), which reduced the number of personnel needed
3 to process Form I-94 documents and using a por-
4 tion of such savings to enhance law enforcement
5 functions.

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