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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2021

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK (for herself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BASS, Mr. BEYER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. COOPER, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. GALLEGO, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KIND, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENG, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. STANTON, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. VELA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. JONES, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. TITUS, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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the eligibility of such individuals to serve as officers or employees of Congress.

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 “American Dream Em-
5 ployment Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF BENEFICIARIES OF DEFERRED AC-**
7 **TION OR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS**
8 **FOR EMPLOYMENT IN CONGRESS.**

9 (a) TREATMENT IN SAME MANNER AS CITIZENS OF
10 UNITED STATES.—For purposes of determining the eligi-
11 bility of an individual described in subsection (b) to serve
12 as an officer or employee of an office of Congress, the indi-
13 vidual shall be treated in the same manner as an indi-
14 vidual who is a citizen of the United States.

15 (b) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—An individual de-
16 scribed in this subsection is an individual—

17 (1) who has been issued an employment author-
18 ization document under the Deferred Action for
19 Childhood Arrivals Program of the Secretary of
20 Homeland Security, established pursuant to the
21 memorandum from the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
22 rity entitled “Exercising Prosecutorial Discretion
23 with Respect to Individuals Who Came to the United
24 States as Children”, dated June 15, 2012;

1 (2) whose employment is authorized pursuant
2 to a grant of deferred enforced departure; or

3 (3) who has temporary protected status under
4 section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
5 (8 U.S. 1254a).

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
7 respect to fiscal year 2022 and each succeeding fiscal year.

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