

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6507

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to automatically extend the period of validity of an alien’s employment authorization during an emergency period, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2020

Ms. MENG (for herself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. TITUS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. SCHA-KOWSKY, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to automatically extend the period of validity of an alien’s employment authorization during an emergency period, 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 “COVID–19 Employ-
5 ment Authorization Document Extension Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION EXTENSION.**

2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
3 retary of Homeland Security shall automatically extend
4 the validity of an alien's employment authorization for an
5 alien with an employment authorization document that is
6 valid on the date on which an emergency period (as such
7 term is defined in section 1135(g) of the Social Security
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5(g))) based on a public health
9 emergency begins, for a period that expires not earlier
10 than the date that is one year after the date on which
11 the emergency period ends.

12 **SEC. 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION TO COVID-19 EMER-**
13 **GENCY PERIOD.**

14 The requirement under section 2 shall apply with re-
15 spect to any alien who had a valid employment authoriza-
16 tion document on January 31, 2020, and the employment
17 authorization for each such alien shall be extended in ac-
18 cordance with such section based on the date on which
19 the emergency period related to the COVID-19 public
20 health emergency ends.

○