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H. R. 8761

To add Ireland to the E-3 nonimmigrant visa program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 30, 2022

Mr. NEAL (for himself and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To add Ireland to the E-3 nonimmigrant visa program.

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. E-3 VISAS FOR IRISH NATIONALS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii) of the
5 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
6 1101(a)(15)(E)(iii)) is amended by inserting “or, on a
7 basis of reciprocity as determined by the Secretary of
8 State, a national of Ireland,” after “Australia”.

9 (b) EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS.—Section 212 of the
10 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182) is
11 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating the second subsection (t)
2 (as added by section 1(b)(2)(B) of Public Law 108–
3 449 (118 Stat. 3470)) as subsection (u); and

4 (2) by adding at the end of subsection (t)(1)
5 (as added by section 402(b)(2) of Public Law 108–
6 77 (117 Stat. 941)) the following:

7 “(E) In the case of an attestation filed
8 with respect to a national of Ireland described
9 in section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii), the employer is,
10 and will remain during the period of authorized
11 employment of such Irish national, a partici-
12 pant in good standing in the E-Verify program
13 described in section 403(a) of the Illegal Immi-
14 gration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility
15 Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1324a note).”.

16 (c) APPLICATION ALLOCATION.—Paragraph (11) of
17 section 214(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
18 U.S.C. 1184(g)(11)) is amended to read as follows:

19 “(11)(A) The Secretary of State may approve
20 initial applications submitted for aliens described in
21 section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii) only as follows:

22 “(i) For applicants who are nationals
23 of the Commonwealth of Australia, not
24 more than 10,500 for a fiscal year.

1 “(ii) For applicants who are nationals
2 of Ireland, not more than a number equal
3 to the difference between 10,500 and the
4 number of applications approved in the
5 prior fiscal year for aliens who are nation-
6 als of the Commonwealth of Australia.

7 “(B) The approval of an application de-
8 scribed under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be
9 deemed for numerical control purposes to have
10 occurred on September 30 of the prior fiscal
11 year.

12 “(C) The numerical limitation under sub-
13 paragraph (A) shall only apply to principal
14 aliens and not to the spouses or children of
15 such aliens.”.

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