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S. 859

To terminate the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To terminate the Diversity Immigrant 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Visa Lottery Repeal
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF DIVERSITY IMMIGRANT VISA**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 (a) REPEAL.—Section 203 of the Immigration and
9 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153) is amended by striking
10 subsection (c).

1 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
2 Title II of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
3 1151 et seq.) is amended—

4 (1) in section 201—

5 (A) in subsection (a)—

6 (i) in paragraph (1), by adding “and”
7 at the end;

8 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “;
9 and” and inserting a period; and

10 (iii) by striking paragraph (3); and

11 (B) by striking subsection (e);

12 (2) in section 203—

13 (A) by striking subsection (c);

14 (B) in subsection (d), by striking “sub-
15 section (a), (b), or (c)” and inserting “sub-
16 section (a) or (b)”;

17 (C) in subsection (e)—

18 (i) by striking paragraph (2); and

19 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
20 paragraph (2);

21 (D) in subsection (f), by striking “sub-
22 section (a), (b), or (c) of this section” and in-
23 serting “subsection (a) or (b)”;

1 (E) in subsection (g), by striking “sub-
2 sections (a), (b), and (c)” and inserting “sub-
3 sections (a) and (b)”;

4 (F) in subsection (h)(2)(B), by striking
5 “subsection (a), (b), or (c)” and inserting “sub-
6 section (a) or (b)”;

7 (3) in section 204—

8 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking sub-
9 paragraph (I);

10 (B) in subsection (e), by striking “sub-
11 section (a), (b), or (c)” and inserting “sub-
12 section (a) or (b)”;

13 (C) in subsection (l)(2)(B), by striking
14 “section 203 (a) or (d)” and inserting “sub-
15 section (a) or (d) of section 203”.

16 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
18 (b), the amendments made by section 2 shall take effect
19 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 (b) SELECTEES.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
21 any alien who registered for the Diversity Immigrant Visa
22 Program and received notification before the date of the
23 enactment of this Act that he or she has been selected
24 to apply for a diversity immigrant visa under section
25 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.

1 1153(c)) may submit an application for such visa under
2 the applicable provisions of law in effect on the day before
3 such date of enactment.

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