

Union Calendar No. 364

110TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5570

[Report No. 110-589]

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the sunset in the special immigrant nonminister religious worker visa program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2008

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

APRIL 14, 2008

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the sunset in the special immigrant nonminister religious worker 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 “Religious Worker Visa
5 Extension Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF SUNSET FOR SPECIAL IMMIGRANT**
2 **NONMINISTER RELIGIOUS WORKER VISA**
3 **PROGRAM.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 101(a)(27)(C)(ii) of the
5 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
6 1101(a)(27)(C)(ii)) is amended by striking “before Octo-
7 ber 1, 2008,” each place such term appears.

8 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
9 subsection (a) shall take effect as if enacted on September
10 30, 2008.

11 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

12 *This Act may be cited as the “Religious Worker Visa*
13 *Extension Act of 2008”.*

14 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL IMMIGRANT NONMINISTER RELIGIOUS**
15 **WORKER PROGRAM.**

16 (a) **REGULATIONS.**—*Not later than December 31,*
17 *2008, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall issue final*
18 *regulations to eliminate or reduce fraud in the special im-*
19 *migrant categories described in subclauses (II) and (III)*
20 *of section 101(a)(27)(C)(i) of the Immigration and Nation-*
21 *ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(C)(i)).*

22 (b) **EXTENSIONS.**—

23 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 101(a)(27)(C)(ii) of
24 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
25 1101(a)(27)(C)(ii)) is amended by striking “October

1 1, 2008,” each place such term appears and inserting
2 “January 1, 2010,”.

3 (2) *CONDITIONAL FURTHER EXTENSION.*—

4 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—Section
5 101(a)(27)(C)(ii) of the Immigration and Na-
6 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(C)(ii)), as
7 amended by paragraph (1), is further amended
8 by striking “January 1, 2010,” each place such
9 term appears and inserting “January 1, 2016,”.

10 (B) *CONDITIONAL EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The
11 amendment made by subparagraph (A) shall
12 take effect on March 1, 2009, but only if the Sec-
13 retary of Homeland Security has complied with
14 subsection (a).

15 (c) *REPORT.*—Not later than September 30, 2010, the
16 Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security
17 shall submit to the Congress a report containing the results
18 of a study of the effectiveness of the regulations described
19 in subsection (a).

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend the
Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the spe-
cial immigrant nonminister religious worker program,
and for other purposes.”.

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