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To suspend until January 21, 2013, certain provisions of Federal immigration law, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Texas (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. AKIN, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. JONES, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. CARTER, and Mr. HUNTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To suspend until January 21, 2013, certain provisions of Federal immigration law, 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—

5 (1) the “Hinder the Administration’s Legaliza-
6 tion Temptation Act”; or

7 (2) the “HALT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF CERTAIN**
2 **LAWS.**

3 (a) **WAIVER OF INADMISSIBILITY OF ALIENS UNLAW-**
4 **FULLY PRESENT.**—Section 212(a)(9)(B)(v) of the Immi-
5 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(9)(B)(v))
6 is suspended during the period beginning on the date of
7 the enactment of this Act and ending on January 21,
8 2013.

9 (b) **PAROLE.**—Section 212(d)(5)(A) of the Immigra-
10 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)(A)) is sus-
11 pended during the period beginning on the date of the en-
12 actment of this Act and ending on January 21, 2013, ex-
13 cept to the extent that the discretionary authority con-
14 ferred under such section is exercised for the purpose of
15 paroling an alien into the United States—

16 (1) to be tried for a crime, or to be a witness
17 at trial, upon the request of a Federal, State, or
18 local law enforcement agency;

19 (2) for any other significant law enforcement or
20 national security purpose; or

21 (3) for a humanitarian purpose where the life
22 of the alien is imminently threatened.

23 (c) **CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL AND ADJUSTMENT**
24 **OF STATUS FOR CERTAIN NONPERMANENT RESI-**
25 **DENTS.**—Section 240A(b)(1) of the Immigration and Na-
26 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229b(b)(1)) is suspended during

1 the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this
2 Act and ending on January 21, 2013.

3 (d) DESIGNATION FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED
4 STATUS.—No foreign state may be designated or re-des-
5 ignated under section 244(b) of the Immigration and Na-
6 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)) during the period begin-
7 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending
8 on January 21, 2013. The preceding sentence shall not
9 be construed to affect any extension of a designation
10 under paragraph (3)(C) of such section, if the designation
11 was made prior to the date of the enactment of this Act.

12 (e) DEFINITION OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN.—Section
13 274A(h)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
14 U.S.C. 1324a(h)(3)) is deemed amended during the period
15 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and
16 ending on January 21, 2013, by striking “, or by the At-
17 torney General”.

18 (f) DEFERRED ACTION; EXTENDED VOLUNTARY DE-
19 PARTURE.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may not
20 grant deferred action or extended voluntary departure to
21 any alien during the period beginning on the date of the
22 enactment of this Act and ending on January 21, 2013,
23 except to the extent that such grant authority is exercised
24 for the purpose of maintaining the alien in United
25 States—

1 (1) to be tried for a crime, or to be a witness
2 at trial, upon the request of a Federal, State, or
3 local law enforcement agency;

4 (2) for any other significant law enforcement or
5 national security purpose; or

6 (3) for a humanitarian purpose where the life
7 of the alien is imminently threatened.

8 (g) REGULATIONS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The following provisions of
10 title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, are suspended
11 during the period beginning on the date of the en-
12 actment of this Act and ending on January 21,
13 2013:

14 (A) Section 274a.12(a)(11).

15 (B) Section 274a.12(c)(11).

16 (C) Section 274a.12(c)(14).

17 (D) Section 274a.12(c)(16).

18 (E) Section 274a.12(c)(18).

19 (2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in paragraph
20 (1) to a section of the Code of Federal Regulations
21 shall be construed to be a reference to that section
22 and any successor section.

23 (h) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN BENEFITS.—In the
24 case of any immigration benefit granted during the period
25 beginning on July 12, 2011, and ending on the date of

- 1 the enactment of this Act under any authority suspended
- 2 under subsection (b), (e), (f), or (g), the benefit is revoked
- 3 as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

