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# H. R. 1381

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2023

Mr. AGUILAR (for himself and Mr. STANTON) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

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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 “American Dream Em-  
5 ployment Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF BENEFICIARIES OF DEFERRED AC-**  
2 **TION OR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS**  
3 **FOR EMPLOYMENT IN CONGRESS.**

4 (a) TREATMENT IN SAME MANNER AS CITIZENS OF  
5 UNITED STATES.—For purposes of determining the eligi-  
6 bility of an individual described in subsection (b) to serve  
7 as an officer or employee of an office of Congress, the indi-  
8 vidual shall be treated in the same manner as an indi-  
9 vidual who is a citizen of the United States.

10 (b) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—An individual de-  
11 scribed in this subsection is an individual—

12 (1) who has been issued an employment author-  
13 ization document under the Deferred Action for  
14 Childhood Arrivals Program of the Secretary of  
15 Homeland Security, established pursuant to the  
16 memorandum from the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
17 rity entitled “Exercising Prosecutorial Discretion  
18 with Respect to Individuals Who Came to the United  
19 States as Children”, dated June 15, 2012, or pursu-  
20 ant to the rule of the Department of Homeland Se-  
21 curity entitled “Deferred Action for Childhood Arriv-  
22 als” (87 Fed. Reg. 53152);

23 (2) whose employment is authorized pursuant  
24 to a grant of deferred enforced departure; or

1           (3) who has temporary protected status under  
2           section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act  
3           (8 U.S. 1254a).

4           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with  
5           respect to fiscal year 2024 and each succeeding fiscal year.

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