

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2597

To extend temporary protected status for certain nationals of Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea until November 21, 2018.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2017

Mr. ELLISON (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SERRANO, and Ms. CLARKE of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “West African Ebola
5 Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS**
2 **FOR NATIONALS OF LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE,**
3 **AND GUINEA.**

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the
5 case of any individual who is a national of Liberia, Sierra
6 Leone, or Guinea, who was lawfully present in the United
7 States under section 244 of the Immigration and Nation-
8 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a) on May 19, 2017, such tem-
9 porary protected status is extended for the period begin-
10 ning on May 19, 2017, and ending on November 21, 2018.

11 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 This Act shall take effect as if enacted on May 19,
13 2017.

14 **SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

15 Nothing in this Act restricts the authority of the Sec-
16 retary of Homeland Security to extend the temporary pro-
17 tected status of an individual described in section 2 beyond
18 November 21, 2018.

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