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H. R. 3570

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 28, 2021

Mr. CASE (for himself, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. SABLAN, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, and Mr. KAHELE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Compact Impact Fair-
3 ness Act of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF FEDERAL PUBLIC BENEFIT ELIGI-**
5 **BILITY FOR CITIZENS OF FREELY ASSOCI-**
6 **ATED STATES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402 of the Personal Re-
8 sponsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
9 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by adding at the end
11 the following:

12 “(N) EXCEPTION FOR CITIZENS OF FREE-
13 LY ASSOCIATED STATES.—With respect to eligi-
14 bility for benefits for any specified Federal pro-
15 gram, paragraph (1) shall not apply to any in-
16 dividual who lawfully resides in the United
17 States in accordance with the Compacts of Free
18 Association between the Government of the
19 United States and the Governments of the Fed-
20 erated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the
21 Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.”;
22 and

23 (2) in subsection (b)(2)(G)—

24 (A) in the subparagraph heading, by strik-
25 ing “MEDICAID EXCEPTION FOR” and inserting
26 “EXCEPTION FOR”;

1 (B) by striking “the designated Federal
2 program defined in paragraph (3)(C) (relating
3 to the Medicaid program)” and inserting “any
4 designated Federal program”.

5 (b) EXCEPTION TO 5-YEAR WAIT REQUIREMENT.—
6 Section 403(b)(3) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1613(b)(3)) is
7 amended by striking “, but only with respect to the des-
8 ignated Federal program defined in section
9 402(b)(3)(C)”.

10 (c) DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED ALIEN.—Section
11 431(b)(8) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1641(b)(8)) is amended
12 by striking “, but only with respect to the designated Fed-
13 eral program defined in section 402(b)(3)(C) (relating to
14 the Medicaid program)”.

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