

Union Calendar No. 296

116TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 560

[Report No. 116-373, Part I]

To amend section 6 of the Joint Resolution entitled “A Joint Resolution to approve the Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2019

Mr. SABLAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

JANUARY 10, 2020

Additional sponsors: Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CORREA, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, and Mr. BISHOP of Utah

JANUARY 10, 2020

Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources with an amendment

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

JANUARY 10, 2020

Committee on the Judiciary discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 15, 2019]

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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 “Northern Mariana Is-*
 5 *lands Residents Relief Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. LONG-TERM LEGAL RESIDENTS OF THE COMMON-**
 7 **WEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA IS-**
 8 **LANDS.**

9 *Section 6(e)(6)(B) of the Joint Resolution entitled “A*
 10 *Joint Resolution to approve the Covenant To Establish a*
 11 *Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Polit-*
 12 *ical Union with the United States of America, and for other*
 13 *purposes”, approved March 24, 1976 (48 U.S.C. 1806), is*
 14 *amended—*

15 (1) *in clause (iii), by inserting “except in the*
 16 *case of an alien who meets the requirements of sub-*
 17 *clause (VI) of clause (v),” before “resided continuously*
 18 *and lawfully”; and*

19 (2) *in clause (v)—*

20 (A) *in subclause (IV), by striking “; or”*
 21 *and inserting a semicolon;*

22 (B) *in subclause (V), by striking the period*
 23 *at the end and inserting “;”; and*

24 (C) *by adding at the end the following:*

1 “(VI) was admitted to the Com-
2 monwealth as a Commonwealth Only
3 Transitional Worker during fiscal year
4 2015, and during every subsequent fis-
5 cal year beginning before the date of
6 the enactment of the Northern Mariana
7 Islands U.S. Workforce Act of 2018
8 (Public Law 115–218); or

9 “(VII) resided in the Northern
10 Mariana Islands as an investor under
11 Commonwealth immigration law, and
12 is presently a resident classified as a
13 CNMI-only nonimmigrant under sec-
14 tion 101(a)(15)(E)(ii) of the Immigra-
15 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
16 1101(a)(15)(E)(ii)).”

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