

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 560

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”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2023

Mr. SABLAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and the Budget, 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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## 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 “Northern Marianas  
5 Population Stabilization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LONG-TERM LEGAL RESIDENTS OF THE COMMON-**  
2 **WEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA IS-**  
3 **LANDS.**

4 Section 6(e)(6)(B) of the Joint Resolution entitled  
5 “A Joint Resolution to approve the Covenant To Establish  
6 a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Po-  
7 litical Union with the United States of America, and for  
8 other purposes”, approved March 24, 1976 (48 U.S.C.  
9 1806), is amended—

10 (1) in clause (iii), by inserting “except in the  
11 case of an alien who meets the requirements of sub-  
12 clause (VI) of clause (v),” before “resided continu-  
13 ously and lawfully”; and

14 (2) in clause (v)—

15 (A) in subclause (IV), by striking “; or”  
16 and inserting a semicolon;

17 (B) in subclause (V), by striking the period  
18 at the end and inserting “;”; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(VI) was admitted to the Com-  
21 monwealth as a Commonwealth Only  
22 Transitional Worker during fiscal year  
23 2015, and during every subsequent  
24 fiscal year beginning before the date  
25 of the enactment of the Northern

1 Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act  
2 of 2018 (Public Law 115–218); or

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

11 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

12 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of  
13 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,  
14 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement  
15 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this  
16 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record  
17 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-  
18 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the  
19 vote on passage.

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