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# H. R. 8406

To add Ireland to the E3 nonimmigrant visa program.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2024

Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Mr. MULLIN) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Advancing Opportunity  
5 for Hibernians Act” or the “AOH Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. E-3 VISAS FOR IRISH NATIONALS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii) of the  
8 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
9 1101(a)(15)(E)(iii)) is amended by inserting “or, on a  
10 basis of reciprocity as determined by the Secretary of  
11 State, a national of Ireland,” after “Australia”.

1 (b) EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS.—Section 212 of the  
2 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182) is  
3 amended—

4 (1) by redesignating the second subsection (t)  
5 (as added by section 1(b)(2)(B) of Public Law 108–  
6 449 (118 Stat. 3470)) as subsection (u); and

7 (2) by adding at the end of subsection (t)(1)  
8 (as added by section 402(b)(2) of Public Law 108–  
9 77 (117 Stat. 941)) the following:

10 “(E) In the case of an attestation filed  
11 with respect to a national of Ireland described  
12 in section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii), the employer is,  
13 and will remain during the period of authorized  
14 employment of such Irish national, a partici-  
15 pant in good standing in the E-Verify program  
16 described in section 403(a) of the Illegal Immi-  
17 gration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility  
18 Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1324a note).”.

19 (c) APPLICATION ALLOCATION.—Paragraph (11) of  
20 section 214(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
21 U.S.C. 1184(g)(11)) is amended to read as follows:

22 “(11)(A) The Secretary of State may approve  
23 initial applications submitted for aliens described in  
24 section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii) only as follows:

1           “(i) For applicants who are nationals  
2           of the Commonwealth of Australia, not  
3           more than 10,500 for a fiscal year.

4           “(ii) For applicants who are nationals  
5           of Ireland, not more than a number equal  
6           to the difference between 10,500 and the  
7           number of applications approved in the  
8           prior fiscal year for aliens who are nation-  
9           als of the Commonwealth of Australia.

10          “(B) The approval of an application de-  
11          scribed under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be  
12          deemed for numerical control purposes to have  
13          occurred on September 30 of the prior fiscal  
14          year.

15          “(C) The numerical limitation under sub-  
16          paragraph (A) shall only apply to principal  
17          aliens and not to the spouses or children of  
18          such aliens.”.

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