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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. BEGICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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of Korea, and for other purposes.

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 “Partner with Korea
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RECIPROCAL VISAS FOR NATIONALS OF SOUTH**
7 **KOREA.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(15)(E) of the Im-
9 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(E))
10 is amended—

1 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “or” at the end;

2 (2) in clause (iii), by adding “or” at the end;

3 and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(iv) solely to perform services in a
6 specialty occupation in the United States if
7 the alien is a national of the Republic of
8 Korea and with respect to whom the Sec-
9 retary of Labor determines and certifies to
10 the Secretary of Homeland Security and
11 the Secretary of State that the intending
12 employer has filed with the Secretary of
13 Labor an attestation under section
14 212(t)(1);”.

15 (b) ATTESTATION.—Section 212(t) of such Act (8
16 U.S.C. 1182(t)), as added by section 402(b)(2) of the
17 United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementa-
18 tion Act (Public Law 108–77; 117 Stat. 941), is amend-
19 ed—

20 (1) by striking “or section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii)”
21 each place it appears and inserting “or clause (iii)
22 or (iv) of section 101(a)(15)(E)”;

23 (2) in clauses (i)(II), (ii)(II), and (iii)(II) of
24 paragraph (3)(C), by striking “or section
25 101(a)(15)(E)(iii)” each place it appears.

1 (c) NUMERICAL LIMITATION.—Section 214(g) of
2 such Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)) is amended by adding at the
3 end the following:

4 “(12)(A) The Secretary of State may not approve a
5 number of initial applications submitted for aliens de-
6 scribed in section 101(a)(15)(E)(iv) that is more than the
7 applicable numerical limitation set out in this paragraph.

8 “(B) The applicable numerical limitation referred to
9 in subparagraph (A) is 15,000 for each fiscal year.

10 “(C) The applicable numerical limitation referred to
11 in subparagraph (A) shall only apply to principal aliens
12 and not to the spouses or children of such aliens.”.

13 (d) SPECIALTY OCCUPATION DEFINED.—Section
14 214(i)(1) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(i)(1)) is amended
15 by striking “section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii),” and inserting
16 “clauses (iii) and (iv) of section 101(a)(15)(E),”.

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