

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3618

To designate Mauritania under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Mauritania to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 18, 2024

Mr. BROWN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To designate Mauritania under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Mauritania to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section, 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 “Mauritania TPS Act
5 of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF GRANTING TEM-**
7 **PORARY PROTECTED STATUS.**

8 (a) DESIGNATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 244
2 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
3 1254a), Mauritania shall be treated as if it had been
4 designated under subsection (b)(1)(C) of that sec-
5 tion, subject to the provisions of this section.

6 (2) PERIOD OF DESIGNATION.—The initial pe-
7 riod of the designation referred to in paragraph (1)
8 shall be for the 18-month period beginning on the
9 date of the enactment of this Act.

10 (b) ALIENS ELIGIBLE.—As a result of the designa-
11 tion made under subsection (a), an alien who is a national
12 of Mauritania is deemed to satisfy the requirements under
13 paragraph (1) of section 244(c) of the Immigration and
14 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(c)), subject to paragraph
15 (3) of such section, if the alien—

16 (1) has been continuously physically present in
17 the United States since the date of the enactment of
18 this Act;

19 (2) is admissible as an immigrant, except as
20 otherwise provided in paragraph (2)(A) of such sec-
21 tion;

22 (3) is not ineligible for temporary protected sta-
23 tus under paragraph (2)(B) of such section; and

1 (4) registers for temporary protected status in
2 a manner established by the Secretary of Homeland
3 Security.

4 (c) CONSENT TO TRAVEL ABROAD.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
6 Security shall give prior consent to travel abroad, in
7 accordance with section 244(f)(3) of the Immigra-
8 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(f)(3)), to
9 an alien who is granted temporary protected status
10 pursuant to the designation made under subsection
11 (a) if the alien establishes, to the satisfaction of the
12 Secretary of Homeland Security, that emergency
13 and extenuating circumstances beyond the control of
14 the alien require the alien to depart for a brief, tem-
15 porary trip abroad.

16 (2) TREATMENT UPON RETURN.—An alien re-
17 turning to the United States in accordance with an
18 authorization described in paragraph (1) shall be
19 treated as any other returning alien provided tem-
20 porary protected status under section 244 of the Im-
21 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a).

22 (d) FEE.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any other fee
24 authorized by law, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
25 rity may charge and collect a fee of \$360 for each

1 application for temporary protected status under
2 section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
3 by a person who is only eligible for such status
4 under subsection (a).

5 (2) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
6 curity shall permit aliens to apply for a waiver of
7 any fee described in paragraph (1) associated with
8 filing an application.

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

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

○