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H. R. 8629

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Protect Afghan Stu-
5 dents Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR AFGHANS APPLYING FOR STUDENT**
2 **VISAS.**

3 (a) EXCEPTION WITH RESPECT TO RESIDENCE.—To
4 be eligible as a nonimmigrant described in section
5 101(a)(15)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
6 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)), a national of Afghanistan or a
7 person with no nationality who last habitually resided in
8 Afghanistan shall meet all requirements for such non-
9 immigrant status except they shall not need to dem-
10 onstrate residence in Afghanistan or an intention not to
11 abandon such residence.

12 (b) APPLICABILITY.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The exception under sub-
14 section (a) shall apply beginning on the date of the
15 enactment of this Act and ending on the date that
16 is two years after the date of the enactment of this
17 Act.

18 (2) EXTENSION.—The Secretary of Homeland
19 Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State,
20 shall periodically review the country conditions in
21 Afghanistan and may renew the exception under
22 subsection (a) in 18-month increments based on
23 such conditions.

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