

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 7442

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide employment authorization to certain alien spouses, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 7, 2022

Ms. BOURDEAUX (for herself and Ms. SALAZAR) 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 “H–4 Work Authoriza-  
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN**  
2 **ALIEN SPOUSES.**

3 Section 214(e) of the Immigration and Nationality  
4 Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(e)) is amended by adding at the end  
5 the following:

6 “(3) In the case of an alien spouse admitted  
7 under section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b), who is accom-  
8 panying or following to join a principal alien admit-  
9 ted under such section, the Secretary of Homeland  
10 Security shall authorize the alien spouse to engage  
11 in employment in the United States incident to sta-  
12 tus and provide the spouse with an ‘employment au-  
13 thorized’ endorsement or other appropriate work  
14 permit.”.

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