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H. R. 3647

To delay the implementation of the provisions of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 applying Federal immigration laws to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

Mr. SABLAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. DELAY IN APPLICATION OF FEDERAL IMMIGRA-**
4 **TION LAW TO THE COMMONWEALTH.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 6(a) of
6 Public Law 94–241 (48 U.S.C. 1806(a)) and section
7 705(b) of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008

1 (48 U.S.C. 1806(b)), the amendments to Public Law 94–
2 241 and the Immigration and Nationality Act made by
3 subtitle A of title VII of the Consolidated Natural Re-
4 sources Act of 2008, and the other provisions of such sub-
5 title applying the immigration laws (as defined in section
6 101(a)(17) of Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
7 1101(a)(17))) to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mar-
8 iana Islands, shall take effect on December 1, 2010.

9 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in law to the tran-
10 sition program effective date described in section 6(a) of
11 Public Law 94–241 (48 U.S.C. 1806(a)) is deemed to
12 refer to December 1, 2010.

13 **SEC. 2. REPORT.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
16 land Security shall provide to the Congress a report in-
17 cluding the following:

18 (1) A fully detailed budget of anticipated ex-
19 penditures for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 to carry
20 out the provisions of law applying the immigration
21 laws (as defined in section 101(a)(17) of Immigra-
22 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17))) to
23 the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-
24 lands.

1 (2) The equipment, software, personnel, and
2 other infrastructure needed to implement such provi-
3 sions and a plan to put this infrastructure in place.

4 (3) The “additional layered security measures”
5 and other changes that must be in place before
6 China and Russia may be included in the Guam and
7 Northern Mariana Islands visa waiver program de-
8 scribed in the amendments made by section 702(b)
9 of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008.

10 (4) A timetable for including China and Russia
11 in the visa waiver program described in paragraph
12 (3).

13 (5) An analysis of whether bonding of Chinese
14 and Russian tourists would mitigate any potential
15 threat that inclusion of China and Russia in such
16 program may cause to the welfare, safety, or secu-
17 rity of the United States or its territories.

18 (6) The groups of individuals who may not eas-
19 ily fall within the Immigration and Nationality Act
20 classifications and for whom Northern Mariana Is-
21 lands classifications may not be appropriate.

22 (7) The Secretary of Homeland Security’s pol-
23 icy decisions intended to reduce fear and anxiety
24 about what will happen when Federal immigration
25 laws are applied to the Commonwealth.

1 (8) The Secretary of Homeland Security's plans
2 for requiring any alien present in the Commonwealth
3 on or after December 1, 2010, to register with the
4 Secretary.

5 (b) UPDATES.—The Secretary of Homeland Security
6 shall provide to the Congress updated reports on the topics
7 described in subsection (a) not less frequently than every
8 30 days until December 1, 2010.

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