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To amend the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 and an Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14 (Public Law 119–21) to provide certain benefits to noncitizens, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 “Lifting Immigrant
 5 Families Through Benefits Access Restoration Act” or the
 6 “LIFT the BAR Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF BASIC ASSISTANCE TO LAWFULLY** 8 **PRESENT NONCITIZENS.**

9 (a) **ELIMINATION OF ARBITRARY ELIGIBILITY RE-**
 10 **STRICTIONS.—**

11 (1) **PRWORA REPEALS.—**Sections 402, 403,
 12 411, 412, 421, and 422 of the Personal Responsi-
 13 bility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
 14 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612, 1613, 1621, 1622, 1631, and
 15 1632) are repealed.

16 (2) **PUBLIC LAW 119–21 REPEALS.—**

17 (A) **SNAP ELIGIBILITY.—**Section 10108 of
 18 an Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to
 19 title II of H. Con. Res. 14 (Public Law 119–
 20 21) is repealed and the provision of law amend-

1 ed by such section is restored as if such section
2 had never been enacted.

3 (B) MEDICAID AND CHIP ELIGIBILITY.—
4 Section 71109 of an Act to provide for rec-
5 onciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res.
6 14 (Public Law 119–21) is repealed, the provi-
7 sions of law amended by such section are re-
8 stored as if such section had never been en-
9 acted, and the unobligated balances of amounts
10 appropriated or otherwise made available by
11 section are rescinded.

12 (C) LIMITING MEDICARE ELIGIBILITY COV-
13 ERAGE OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—Section
14 71201 of an Act to provide for reconciliation
15 pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14 (Public
16 Law 119–21) and section 1899C of title XVIII
17 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
18 1395mmm), as added by such section 71201,
19 are repealed.

20 (b) NOTIFICATION AND INFORMATION REPORTING.—
21 Section 404 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Op-
22 portunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1614) is
23 amended by striking “, 402, or 403”.

1 (c) QUALIFIED NONCITIZENS.—Title IV of the Per-
2 sonal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation
3 Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) is amended—

4 (1) in the header, by striking “**ALIENS**” and
5 inserting “**NONCITIZENS**”;

6 (2) by striking “alien” each place that it ap-
7 pears and inserting “noncitizen”;

8 (3) by striking “aliens” each place that it ap-
9 pears and inserting “noncitizens”;

10 (4) by striking “alien’s” each place that it ap-
11 pears and inserting “noncitizen’s”;

12 (5) by striking “an alien” each place that it ap-
13 pears and inserting “a noncitizen”;

14 (6) by striking “qualified alien” each place that
15 it appears and inserting “qualified noncitizen”;

16 (7) by striking “qualified aliens” each place
17 that it appears and inserting “qualified noncitizens”;

18 (8) by striking “qualified alien’s” each place
19 that it appears and inserting “qualified nonciti-
20 zen’s”;

21 (9) in section 402—

22 (A) in the header, by striking “**QUALI-**
23 **FIED ALIENS**” and inserting “**QUALIFIED**
24 **NONCITIZENS**”; and

1 (B) in subsection (a)(2)(L), by striking
2 “QUALIFIED ALIENS” and inserting “QUALI-
3 FIED NONCITIZENS”;

4 (10) in section 403, in the header, by striking
5 “**QUALIFIED ALIENS**” and inserting “**QUALIFIED**
6 **NONCITIZENS**”;

7 (11) in section 411, in the header, by striking
8 “**QUALIFIED ALIENS**” and inserting “**QUALIFIED**
9 **NONCITIZENS**”; and

10 (12) in section 412, in the header, by striking
11 “**QUALIFIED ALIENS**” and inserting “**QUALIFIED**
12 **NONCITIZENS**”.

13 (d) ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES FOR LAWFULLY RE-
14 SIDING NONCITIZENS.—Section 431 of the Personal Re-
15 sponsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
16 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1641) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (b)—

18 (A) in the header, by striking “QUALIFIED
19 ALIEN” and inserting “QUALIFIED NONCIT-
20 IZEN”;

21 (B) by striking “alien” and inserting “non-
22 citizen”;

23 (C) by striking “an alien” and inserting “a
24 noncitizen”; and

1 (D) by striking “benefit” and all that fol-
2 lows through the period at the end of the sub-
3 section and inserting “benefit, is lawfully
4 present in the United States.”;

5 (2) in subsection (c)—

6 (A) in the header, by striking “QUALIFIED
7 ALIENS” and inserting “QUALIFIED NONCITI-
8 ZENS”;

9 (B) by striking “; or” at the end of para-
10 graph (3) and inserting “;”;

11 (C) by striking the period at the end of
12 paragraph (4) and inserting “; or”; and

13 (D) by inserting after paragraph (4):

14 “(5) a noncitizen—

15 “(A) in a category that was treated as law-
16 fully present for purposes of section 1101 of the
17 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of
18 2010 (42 U.S.C. 18001) on or before January
19 1, 2025;

20 “(B) who met the requirements of section
21 402(a)(2)(D) of the Personal Responsibility and
22 Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996
23 (8 U.S.C. 1612(a)(2)(D)) on or before January
24 1, 2025;

1 “(C) who is granted special immigrant ju-
 2 venile status as described by section
 3 101(a)(27)(J) of the Immigration and Nation-
 4 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(J));

5 “(D) who has a pending, bona fide applica-
 6 tion for nonimmigrant status under section
 7 101(a)(15)(U) of the Immigration and Nation-
 8 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(1)(15)(U));

9 “(E) who was granted relief under the De-
 10 ferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program;
 11 or

12 “(F) any other person who is not a citizen
 13 of the United States but who resides in a State
 14 or territory of the United States and is feder-
 15 ally authorized to be present in the United
 16 States.”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 18 section:

19 “(d) NONCITIZEN.—For the purposes of this title, the
 20 term ‘noncitizen’ means any individual who is not a citizen
 21 of the United States.”.

22 (e) CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS.—Section 742 of
 23 the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Rec-
 24 onciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1615) is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in the header by striking “SCHOOL
2 LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS” and in-
3 serting “CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS”;

4 (B) by striking “the school lunch pro-
5 gram” and inserting “any program”; and

6 (C) by striking “the school breakfast pro-
7 gram under section 4 of the” and inserting
8 “any program under”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

10 (A) by striking “Nothing in this Act shall
11 prohibit or require a State to provide to an in-
12 dividual who is not a citizen or a qualified alien,
13 as defined in section 431(b),” and inserting “A
14 State shall not deny”; and

15 (B) by striking “paragraph (2)” and in-
16 serting “paragraph (2) on the basis of an indi-
17 vidual’s citizenship or immigration status”.

18 (f) EXCLUSION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE EXPENDI-
19 TURES FOR CITIZENS OF FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.—
20 Section 1108(h) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
21 1308(h)) is amended—

22 (1) by striking “Expenditures” and inserting:

23 “(1) Expenditures”; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following new
25 paragraph:

1 “(2) With respect to eligibility for benefits for
 2 the designated Federal program defined in para-
 3 graph (3)(C) (relating to the Medicaid program),
 4 paragraph (1) shall not apply to any individual who
 5 lawfully resides in 1 of the 50 States or the District
 6 of Columbia in accordance with the Compacts of
 7 Free Association between the Government of the
 8 United States and the Governments of the Fed-
 9 erated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the
 10 Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau and
 11 shall not apply, at the option of the Governor of
 12 Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the North-
 13 ern Mariana Islands, or American Samoa as commu-
 14 nicated to the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
 15 ices in writing, to any individual who lawfully resides
 16 in the respective territory in accordance with such
 17 Compacts.”.

18 (g) CHILD HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.—Section
 19 2107(e)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 20 1397gg(e)(1)) is amended—

21 (1) by striking subparagraph (O); and
 22 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (P), (Q),
 23 (R), (S), (T), and (U) as subparagraphs (O), (P),
 24 (Q), (R), (S), and (T).

25 (h) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (1) SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PRO-
2 GRAM.—The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
3 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) is amended—

4 (A) in section 5—

5 (i) by striking subsection (i); and

6 (ii) by redesignating subsections (j)
7 through (n) as subsections (i) through (m),
8 respectively;

9 (B) in section 6—

10 (i) in subsection (f), by striking “an
11 alien lawfully admitted for permanent” and
12 all that follows through the end of the sub-
13 section and inserting “a noncitizen lawfully
14 present in the United States.”; and

15 (ii) in subsection (s)(2), by striking
16 “(m), and (n)” and inserting “and (m)”;
17 and

18 (C) in section 11(e)(2)(B)(v)(II) by strik-
19 ing “aliens” each place it appears and inserting
20 “noncitizens”.

21 (2) MEDICAID.—Section 1903(v) of the Social
22 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(v)) is amended—

23 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “admit-
24 ted for” and all that follows through the end of

1 the paragraph and inserting “present in the
2 United States.”; and

3 (B) striking paragraph (4).

4 (3) HOUSING ASSISTANCE.—Section 214(a) of
5 the Housing and Community Development Act of
6 1980 (42 U.S.C. 1436a(a)) is amended by—

7 (A) redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7)
8 as paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

9 (B) inserting after paragraph (5):

10 “(6) a qualified noncitizen as defined in section
11 431 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Oppor-
12 tunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1641);”.

13 (4) GENERAL RULE ON NONCITIZENS’ ELIGI-
14 BILITY.—Section 401 of the Personal Responsibility
15 and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8
16 U.S.C. 1611) is amended—

17 (A) in the header—

18 (i) by striking “**QUALIFIED ALIENS**”
19 and inserting “**QUALIFIED NONCITI-**
20 **ZENS**”; and

21 (ii) by striking “**ALIENS**” and insert-
22 ing “**NONCITIZENS**”; and

23 (B) by striking “alien” each place it ap-
24 pears and inserting “noncitizen”.

1 (5) ASSISTANCE NOT TREATED AS DEBT AB-
2 SENT FRAUD.—Section 213A(b)(1)(A) of the Immi-
3 gration and Nationality Act is amended by striking
4 “benefit,” and inserting “benefit by fraud,”.

5 (i) PRESERVING STATE FUNDING FOR MEDICAID.—
6 Section 71110 of an Act to provide for reconciliation pur-
7 suant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14 (Public Law 119–
8 21) is repealed, the provision of law amended by such sec-
9 tion is restored as if such section had never been enacted,
10 and the unobligated balances of amounts appropriated or
11 otherwise made available by section are rescinded.

12 (j) PREMIUM TAX CREDIT.—

13 (1) RESTORATION OF ALLOWANCE OF PREMIUM
14 TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 71301 of Pub-
16 lic Law 119–21 is repealed, and each provision
17 of law amended by such section is amended to
18 read as such provision would read if such sec-
19 tion had never been enacted.

20 (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Each amendment
21 made by this paragraph shall take effect as if
22 included in the provision of Public Law 119–21
23 to which such amendment relates.

1 (2) RESTORATION OF ALLOWANCE OF PREMIUM
2 TAX CREDIT DURING PERIODS OF MEDICAID INELI-
3 GIBILITY DUE TO ALIEN STATUS.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 36B(c)(1) of
5 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended
6 by section 71302 of Public Law 119–21, is
7 amended by inserting after subparagraph (A)
8 the following new subparagraph:

9 “(B) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS
10 LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED
11 STATES.—If—

12 “(i) a taxpayer has a household in-
13 come which is not greater than 100 per-
14 cent of an amount equal to the poverty line
15 for a family of the size involved,

16 “(ii) the taxpayer is a non-citizen law-
17 fully present in the United States,

18 “(iii) the taxpayer is ineligible for
19 minimum essential coverage under section
20 5000A(f)(1)(A)(ii), and

21 “(iv) under the Medicaid eligibility
22 criteria for non-citizens in effect on De-
23 cember 26, 2020, the taxpayer would be
24 ineligible for such minimum essential cov-

1 erage by reason of the taxpayer's immigra-
2 tion status,
3 the taxpayer shall, for purposes of the credit
4 under this section, be treated as an applicable
5 taxpayer with a household income which is
6 equal to 100 percent of the poverty line for a
7 family of the size involved.”.

8 (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment
9 made by this paragraph shall apply to taxable
10 years beginning after December 31, 2025.

11 (k) FEDERAL AGENCY GUIDANCE.—Not later than
12 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, each
13 Federal agency, as applicable, shall issue guidance with
14 respect to implementing the amendments made by this
15 Act.

16 (l) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of
18 this Act and shall apply to services furnished on or after
19 the date that is 180 days after the date on which any guid-
20 ance is issued pursuant to subsection (k).

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