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H. R. 2505

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize the Attorney General to permit certain United States citizens traveling by small pleasure craft to enter the United States from Canada without obtaining a landing permit or applying for admission at a port of entry and to authorize the Attorney General to eliminate the fee associated with the issuance of an I-68 landing permit.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 1997

Mr. LAFALCE 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN RECREATIONAL**
2 **BOATERS ENTERING FROM CANADA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title II of the Immi-
4 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1221 et seq.) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “TREATMENT OF CERTAIN RECREATIONAL BOATERS
7 ENTERING FROM CANADA

8 “SEC. 244A. (a) CITIZEN PASSENGERS.—The Attor-
9 ney General may permit a United States citizen to enter
10 the United States from Canada in a pleasure craft de-
11 scribed in subsection (c) without applying for admission
12 at a United States port of entry or inspection by an immi-
13 gration officer and without obtaining any special permit
14 that might otherwise be required, if the citizen is neither
15 an owner nor an operator of the craft.

16 “(b) OTHER PERSONS.—The Attorney General may
17 eliminate the fee for any of the following persons in con-
18 nection with the processing or issuance of a landing permit
19 that allows the person to enter the United States from
20 Canada in a pleasure craft described in subsection (c)
21 without applying for admission at a United States port
22 of entry or inspection by an immigration officer:

23 “(1) A United States citizen who is an owner
24 or an operator of the craft.

25 “(2) A lawful permanent resident of the United
26 States.

1 “(3) A person who—

2 “(A) enters the United States as a tem-
3 porary visitor for pleasure;

4 “(B) intends to remain in the United
5 States—

6 “(i) for a period not to exceed 72
7 hours; and

8 “(ii) in areas adjacent to the imme-
9 diate shore area of the United States, such
10 as nearby shopping areas, residential
11 neighborhoods, or similar areas; and

12 “(C) is—

13 “(i) a Canadian national; or

14 “(ii) a resident of Canada, other than
15 a Canadian national, having a common na-
16 tionality with Canadians.

17 “(c) PLEASURE CRAFT DESCRIBED.—A pleasure
18 craft described in this subsection is a small pleasure craft
19 of less than 5 net tons, without merchandise.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
21 of the Immigration and Nationality Act is amended by in-
22 serting after the item relating to section 244 the following:

“Sec. 244A. Treatment of certain recreational boaters entering from Canada.”.

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