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H. R. 6039

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize certain aliens who have earned a master's or higher degree from a United States institution of higher education in a field of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics to be admitted for permanent residence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2008

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California (for herself, Mr. CANNON, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CARTER, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. HONDA, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. CAPUANO, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CROWLEY, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, and Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize certain aliens who have earned a master's or higher degree from a United States institution of higher education in a field of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics to be admitted for permanent residence.

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. UNITED STATES EDUCATED IMMIGRANTS.**

2 (a) ALIENS NOT SUBJECT TO DIRECT NUMERICAL
3 LIMITATIONS.—Section 201(b)(1) of the Immigration and
4 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(1)) is amended by add-
5 ing at the end the following:

6 “(F) Aliens who have earned a master’s or
7 higher degree from a United States institution
8 of higher education (as defined in section
9 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
10 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))) in a field of science, tech-
11 nology, engineering, or mathematics and who
12 have an offer of employment from a United
13 States employer in a field related to such de-
14 gree.”.

15 (b) PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING IMMIGRANT STA-
16 TUS.—Section 204(a)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Na-
17 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(F)) is amended—

- 18 (1) by striking “or” after “203(b)(2)”;
- 19 (2) by inserting “, or 201(b)(1)(F)” after
20 “203(b)(3)”; and
- 21 (3) by striking “Attorney General” and insert-
22 ing “Secretary of Homeland Security”.

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