

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 560
OFFERED BY MR. SABLAN OF NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Northern Mariana Is-
3 lands Residents Relief Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LONG-TERM LEGAL RESIDENTS OF THE COMMON-**
5 **WEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA IS-**
6 **LANDS.**

7 Section 6(e)(6)(B) of the Joint Resolution entitled
8 “A Joint Resolution to approve the Covenant To Establish
9 a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Po-
10 litical Union with the United States of America, and for
11 other purposes”, approved March 24, 1976 (48 U.S.C.
12 1806), is amended—

13 (1) in clause (iii), by inserting “except in the
14 case of an alien who meets the requirements of sub-
15 clause (VI) of clause (v),” before “resided continu-
16 ously and lawfully”;

17 (2) in clause (v)—

1 (A) in subclause (IV), by striking “; or”
2 and inserting a semicolon;

3 (B) in subclause (V), by striking the period
4 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(VI) was admitted to the Com-
7 monwealth as a Commonwealth Only
8 Transitional Worker during fiscal year
9 2015, and during every subsequent
10 fiscal year beginning before the date
11 of the enactment of the Northern
12 Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act
13 of 2018 (Public Law 115–218); or

14 “(VII) resided in the Northern
15 Mariana Islands as an investor under
16 Commonwealth immigration law, and
17 is presently a resident classified as a
18 CNMI-only nonimmigrant under sec-
19 tion 101(a)(15)(E)(ii) of the Immigra-
20 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
21 1101(a)(15)(E)(ii)).”.

