

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 560, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

116TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 560

To amend section 6 of the Joint Resolution entitled “A Joint Resolution to approve the Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2019

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,*

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”; and

17 (2) in clause (v)—

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

20 (B) in subclause (V), by striking the period
21 at the end and inserting “;”; and

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

23 “(VI) was admitted to the Com-
24 monwealth as a Commonwealth Only
25 Transitional Worker during fiscal year
26 2015, and during every subsequent

1 fiscal year beginning before the date
2 of the enactment of the Northern
3 Mariana Islands U.S. Workforce Act
4 of 2018 (Public Law 115–218); or
5 “(VII) resided in the Northern
6 Mariana Islands as an investor under
7 Commonwealth immigration law, and
8 is presently a resident classified as a
9 CNMI-only nonimmigrant under sec-
10 tion 101(a)(15)(E)(ii) of the Immigra-
11 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
12 1101(a)(15)(E)(ii)).”.

13 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

14 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
15 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
16 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
17 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
18 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
19 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
20 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
21 vote on passage.