

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 2571, With an Amendment

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

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2571

To include Portugal in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E–1 and E–2 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of Portugal and to otherwise modify the eligibility criteria for E visas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2021

Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. KEATING, Mr. KHANNA, and Mr. VALADAO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To include Portugal in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E–1 and E–2 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of Portugal and to otherwise modify the eligibility criteria for E visas.

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 TITLES.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Advancing Mutual In-
3 terests and Growing Our Success Act” or the “AMIGOS
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. NONIMMIGRANT TRADERS AND INVESTORS.**

6 For purposes of clauses (i) and (ii) of section
7 101(a)(15)(E) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(E)), Portugal shall be considered to
9 be a foreign state described in such section if the Govern-
10 ment of Portugal provides similar nonimmigrant status to
11 nationals of the United States.

12 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR E**
13 **VISAS.**

14 Section 101(a)(15)(E) of the Immigration and Na-
15 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(E)) is amended—

16 (1) in the matter preceding clause (i)—

17 (A) by inserting “(or, in the case of an
18 alien who acquired the relevant nationality
19 through a financial investment and who has not
20 previously been granted status under this sub-
21 paragraph, the foreign state of which the alien
22 is a national and in which the alien has been
23 domiciled for a continuous period of not less
24 than 3 years at any point before applying for
25 a nonimmigrant visa under this subparagraph)”
26 before “, and the spouse”; and

1 (B) by striking “him” and inserting “such
2 alien”; and

3 (2) by striking “he” each place such term ap-
4 pears and inserting “the alien”.

5 **SEC. 4. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

6 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
7 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
8 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
9 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
10 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
11 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
12 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
13 vote on passage.