

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To designate Lebanon under section 244(b) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act to permit nationals of Lebanon to be granted temporary protected status in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. SUNUNU) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lebanese Temporary
5 Protected Status Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that, due to the hostilities
8 in Lebanon, Lebanon qualifies for designation under sub-

1 paragraphs (A) and (C) of section 244(b)(1) of the Immi-
2 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1)), pur-
3 suant to which Lebanese nationals would be eligible for
4 temporary protected status in the United States.

5 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF GRANTING TEM-**
6 **PORARY PROTECTED STATUS.**

7 (a) DESIGNATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 244
9 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
10 1254a), Lebanon shall be treated as if it had been
11 designated under subsection (b) of that section, sub-
12 ject to the provisions of this section.

13 (2) PERIOD OF DESIGNATION.—The initial pe-
14 riod of the designation under paragraph (1) shall
15 begin on the date of the enactment of this Act and
16 shall remain in effect for 1 year.

17 (b) ALIENS ELIGIBLE.—An alien who is a national
18 of Lebanon shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements
19 of section 244(c)(1) of such Act only if the alien—

20 (1) has been continuously physically present in
21 the United States since the date of the enactment of
22 this Act;

23 (2) is admissible to the United States as an im-
24 migrant, except as otherwise provided under section
25 244(c)(2)(A) of such Act;

1 (3) is not ineligible for temporary protected sta-
2 tus under section 244(c)(2)(B) of such Act; and

3 (4) registers for temporary protected status in
4 a manner established by the Secretary of Homeland
5 Security.

6 (c) CONSENT TO TRAVEL ABROAD.—The Secretary
7 of Homeland Security shall give an alien granted tem-
8 porary protected status pursuant to the designation made
9 under subsection (a) prior consent to travel abroad under
10 section 244(f)(3) of such Act if the alien establishes to
11 the satisfaction of the Secretary that emergency and ex-
12 tenuating circumstances beyond the control of the alien
13 require the alien to depart for a brief, temporary trip
14 abroad. An alien returning to the United States in accord-
15 ance with such an authorization shall be given the same
16 treatment as any other returning alien provided temporary
17 protected status under section 244 of such Act.