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114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To designate Nepal under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Nepal to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas (for himself and Mr. HONDA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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**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 “Nepal Temporary Pro-  
5       tected Status Act of 2015”.

1   **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2           It is the sense of the Congress that the extraordinary  
3 and temporary conditions caused by the magnitude 7.8  
4 earthquake, its aftershocks, and additional damage in  
5 Nepal qualifies Nepal for designation under subparagraph  
6 (B) or (C) of section 244(b)(1) of the Immigration and  
7 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1)), pursuant to  
8 which nationals of Nepal would be eligible for temporary  
9 protected status in the United States.

10   **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF GRANTING TEM-**  
11                   **PORARY PROTECTED STATUS.**

12           (a) DESIGNATION.—

13               (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 244  
14 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
15 1254a), Nepal shall be treated as if it had been des-  
16 ignated under subsection (b) of such section, subject  
17 to the provisions of this section.

18               (2) PERIOD OF DESIGNATION.—The initial pe-  
19 riod of such designation shall begin on the date of  
20 the enactment of this Act and shall remain in effect  
21 for 18 months.

22           (b) ALIENS ELIGIBLE.—In applying section 244 of  
23 such Act pursuant to the designation made under this sec-  
24 tion, subject to section 244(c)(3) of such Act, an alien who  
25 is a national of Nepal shall be deemed to satisfy the re-

1 requirements of section 244(c)(1) of such Act only if the  
2 alien—

3 (1) has been continuously physically present in  
4 the United States since April 25, 2015;

5 (2) is admissible as an immigrant, except as  
6 otherwise provided under section 244(c)(2)(A) of  
7 such Act, and is not ineligible for temporary pro-  
8 tected status under section 244(c)(2)(B) of such  
9 Act; and

10 (3) registers for temporary protected status in  
11 a manner that the Secretary of Homeland Security  
12 shall establish.

13 (c) CONSENT TO TRAVEL ABROAD.—The Secretary  
14 of Homeland Security shall give the prior consent to travel  
15 abroad described in section 244(f)(3) of such Act to an  
16 alien who is granted temporary protected status pursuant  
17 to the designation made under this section, if the alien  
18 establishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Home-  
19 land Security that emergency and extenuating cir-  
20 cumstances beyond the control of the alien require the  
21 alien to depart for a brief, temporary trip abroad. An alien  
22 returning to the United States in accordance with such  
23 an authorization shall be treated the same as any other  
24 returning alien provided temporary protected status under  
25 section 244 of such Act.