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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WEBER of Texas introduced the following bill; which was 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. DEFINITION OF NONIMMIGRANT IN TRANSIT.**

4 Subparagraph (C) of section 101(a)(15) of the Immi-
5 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)) is
6 amended to read as follows:

1 “(C)(i) an alien in immediate and contin-
2 uous transit through the United States;

3 “(ii) an alien who qualifies as a person en-
4 titled to pass in transit to and from the United
5 Nations Headquarters District and foreign
6 countries, under the provisions of paragraphs
7 (3), (4), and (5) of section 11 of the Head-
8 quarters Agreement with the United Nations
9 (61 Stat. 758); or

10 “(iii) an alien passing in transit through
11 the United States to board a vessel on which
12 the alien will perform ship-to-ship liquid cargo
13 transfer operations to or from another vessel
14 engaged in foreign trade for a period not to ex-
15 ceed 180 days.”.

16 **SEC. 2. CONDITIONAL PERMITS TO LAND TEMPORARILY.**

17 Section 252(a) of the Immigration and Nationality
18 Act (8 U.S.C. 1282(a)) is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at the
20 end;

21 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
22 the end and inserting “; or”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(3) 180 days, if the immigration officer is sat-
25 isfied that the crewman intends to depart, within the

1 period for which the crewman is permitted to land,
2 on either the same vessel or on a vessel other than
3 the vessel on which the crewman arrived and that
4 the crewman will perform ship-to-ship liquid cargo
5 transfer operations to or from any other vessel en-
6 gaged in foreign trade during such period.”.