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According To Bill's Primary Sponsor, The Legislation Would "Provide A Pathway To Citizenship To Dreamers, Undocumented Immigrants Who Were Brought To The United States As Children." "Today, Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia (D-TX-29) reintroduced the bipartisan American Dream and Promise Act of 2025, alongside co-authors of the bill, Representatives Nydia Velázquez (D-NY-07) and Yvette Clarke (D-NY-09), and co-leads, Representatives Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL-27), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-18), Pramila Jayapal (D-WA-07), Lou Correa (D-CA-46), Judy Chu (D-CA-28), and Delia Ramirez (D-IL-03). The bipartisan American Dream and Promise Act would provide a pathway to citizenship to Dreamers, undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States as children. It would also include recipients of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) beneficiaries." (Rep. Sylvia Garcia, "Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia Leads 200 Colleagues in Reintroducing the Bipartisan American Dream and Promise Act," [Press Release](#), 2/26/25)

The Legislation Provides A Pathway To Citizenship For Applicants With Up To Two Misdemeanor Offenses, Except Those Convicted Of Misdemeanor Domestic Violence. ([H.R. 1589](#), Introduced 2/26/25)

SEC. 102. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS ON A CONDITIONAL BASIS FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM RESIDENTS WHO ENTERED THE UNITED STATES AS CHILDREN.

(a) **CONDITIONAL BASIS FOR STATUS.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and except as provided in section 104(c)(2), an alien shall be considered, at the time of obtaining the status of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence under this section, to have obtained such status on a conditional basis subject to the provisions of this title.

([H.R. 1589](#), Introduced 2/26/25)

(1) **GROUND OF INELIGIBILITY.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), an alien is ineligible for adjustment of status under this title (whether on a conditional basis or without the conditional basis as provided in section 104(c)(2)) if any of the following apply:

(A) The alien is inadmissible under paragraph (2) or (3) of section 212(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ([§ U.S.C. 1182\(a\)](#)).

(B) Excluding any offense under State law for which an essential element is the alien's immigration status, and any minor traffic offense, the alien has been convicted of—

(i) any felony offense;

(ii) three or more misdemeanor offenses (excluding simple possession of cannabis or cannabis-related paraphernalia, any offense involving cannabis or cannabis-related paraphernalia which is no longer prosecutable in the State in which the conviction was entered, and any offense involving civil disobedience without violence) not occurring on the same date, and not arising out of the same act, omission, or scheme of misconduct; or

(iii) a misdemeanor offense of domestic violence, unless the alien demonstrates that such crime is related to the alien having been—

(I) a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse or neglect, abuse or neglect in later life, or human trafficking;

(II) battered or subjected to extreme cruelty; or

(III) a victim of criminal activity described in section 101(a)(15)(U)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ([§ U.S.C. 1101\(a\)\(15\)\(U\)\(iii\)](#)).

(2) **WAIVERS FOR CERTAIN MISDEMEANORS.**—For humanitarian purposes, family unity, or if otherwise in the public interest, the Secretary may—

(A) waive the grounds of inadmissibility under subparagraphs (A), (C), and (D) of section 212(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ([§ U.S.C. 1182\(a\)\(2\)](#)), unless the conviction forming the basis for inadmissibility would otherwise render the alien ineligible under paragraph (1)(B) (subject to subparagraph (B)); and

(B) for purposes of clauses (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (1)(B), waive consideration of—

(i) one misdemeanor offense if the alien has not been convicted of any offense in the 5-year period preceding the date on which the alien applies for adjustment of status under this title; or

(ii) up to two misdemeanor offenses if the alien has not been convicted of any offense in the 10-year period preceding the date on which the alien applies for adjustment of status under this title.

This Would Allow Illegal Aliens Convicted Of Crimes Such As Assault, DUI, Or Sexual Abuse Of A Child To Be Eligible For A Pathway To Citizenship

In Ohio, Assault Can A First-Degree Misdemeanor. “(A) No person shall knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to another or to another's unborn. (B) No person shall recklessly cause serious physical harm to another or to another's unborn. (C)(1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of assault, and the court shall sentence the offender as provided in this division and divisions (C)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10) of this section. Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), or (9) of this section, assault is a misdemeanor of the first degree.” (Ohio Revised Code, [§ 2903.13](#), 10/3/25)

In Ohio, DUI, Formally Known As OVI, Can Be A First-Degree Misdemeanor. “No person shall operate any vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley within this state, if, at the time of the operation, any of the following apply: (a) The person is under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a combination of them. ... Except as otherwise provided in division (G)(1)(b), (c), (d), or (e) of this section, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, and the court shall sentence the offender to all of the following...” (Ohio Revised Code, [§ 4511.19](#), 4/9/25)

NOTE: *First-degree misdemeanors in Ohio carry a [maximum](#) jail term of 180 days.*

In The District Of Columbia, Sexual Abuse Of A Child Or Minor Can Be A Misdemeanor With A Maximum Jail Term Of 180 Days. “Whoever, being 18 years of age or older and more than 4 years older than a child, or being 18 years of age or older and being in a significant relationship with a minor, engages in sexually suggestive conduct with that child or minor shall be imprisoned for not more than 180 days, or fined not more than the amount set forth in § 22-3571.01, or both. ... For the purposes of this section, the term ‘sexually suggestive conduct’ means engaging in any of the following acts in a way which is intended to cause or reasonably causes the sexual arousal or sexual gratification of any person: (1) Touching a child or minor inside his or her clothing; (2) Touching a child or minor inside or outside his or her clothing close to the genitalia, anus, breast, or buttocks; (3) Placing one’s tongue in the mouth of the child or minor; or (4) Touching one’s own genitalia or that of a third person.” (Code of the District of Columbia, [§ 22-3010.01](#), 6/8/24)