

ASSEMBLY THIRD READING  
AJR 8 (Haney)  
As Amended August 20, 2025  
Majority vote

## **SUMMARY**

Condemns the decisions by the administrations of President Donald J. Trump, both past and current, to terminate or curtail Temporary Protected Status designations for people from El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Haiti, and other affected nations; and denounces any federal policies that seek to strip lawful status from long-residing individuals who have contributed to the State of California's economy, raised families, and made this state their home; and urges the Congress of the United States to enact bipartisan legislation that provides a path to permanent residency and eventual citizenship for individuals with Temporary Protected Status who have lawfully resided in the United States for many years, in recognition of their essential role in our state's communities and economy.

### **Major Provisions**

Makes the following findings:

- 1) Temporary Protected Status is a humanitarian program established under the Immigration Act of 1990 that provides temporary legal status and work authorization to nationals of countries experiencing armed conflict, environmental disaster, or other extraordinary and temporary conditions;
- 2) The first administration of President Donald J. Trump ordered the termination of Temporary Protected Status designations for people from El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Haiti, Sudan, Nepal, and other nations, affecting more than 325,000 individuals across the United States, including an estimated 68,000 residents of the State of California, which has one of the largest populations of Temporary Protected Status recipients outside of the State of Florida;
- 3) Individuals with Temporary Protected Status contribute significantly to the State of California's economy, workforce, and communities, including approximately 49,000 Salvadorans and 6,000 Hondurans in California, many of whom have lived in the United States for more than 20 years and are parents to United States citizen children;
- 4) During the current administration, President Donald J. Trump has renewed efforts to restrict humanitarian immigration protections, including Temporary Protected Status, by pledging to dramatically reduce the number of recipients, limit future designations, and expedite deportations of long-settled residents, with recent United States Department of Homeland Security policy reviews targeting nationals from countries including Honduras, El Salvador, and Nicaragua for potential removal from the program;
- 5) The Trump administration has also directed federal agencies to reassess country conditions for current Temporary Protected Status holders using narrower legal criteria, and has publicly stated its intent to end what it describes as "indefinite protection" for nationals of countries that have previously experienced armed conflict or natural disasters, disregarding the longstanding presence and integration of these individuals into United States society;

- 6) The removal of legal status from individuals with Temporary Protected Status will cause immense harm to hundreds of thousands of families, including an estimated 275,000 children who are citizens of the United States and who may be separated from one or both parents or face the threat of family dissolution;
- 7) The economic contributions of individuals with Temporary Protected Status are substantial, with over 80% participating in the workforce and generating more than \$2,700,000,000 in annual economic output in California alone, as well as supporting local budgets through homeownership, property taxes, and state and local tax payments;
- 8) The City and County of San Francisco is home to an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 residents with Temporary Protected Status, many of whom are long-term residents from El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua who have become essential contributors to the region's workforce and civic life;
- 9) The State of California recognizes the humanitarian, moral, and economic consequences of eliminating protections for people who have lived lawfully in the United States for decades under Temporary Protected Status and who are deeply embedded in our communities, schools, workplaces, and local economies.

## COMMENTS

Temporary protected status (TPS) is a legal designation that grants, as the name suggests, temporary immigration status to immigrants from countries designated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). DHS typically grants TPS to nationals from countries facing one of the following conditions: an ongoing armed conflict that poses a serious threat to safety; environmental disasters resulting in substantial but temporary disruption of living conditions; or other extraordinary and temporary conditions that prevent the country's nationals from returning safely. TPS provides recipients protection from deportation as well as work authorization as long as their country of origin retains the designation.

Earlier this year the Trump administration moved to terminate TPS status for nationals from Nicaragua, Honduras, and Nepal. This move echoes efforts from the first Trump administration to likewise terminate TPS status for various other countries, including El Salvador, Haiti, and Sudan. The United States is currently home to approximately 60,000 residents with TPS from these three countries. The order was challenged and on July 31 the district court postponed the order, granting these communities temporary reprieve until at least November when the case was set to be heard. However, on August 20, the Ninth Circuit granted the administration's request for an emergency stay, thereby allowing the order to go into effect immediately.

*This resolution* condemns the Trump administration's efforts to end TPS, and details the economic and social impact such a decision would have on the City of San Francisco and California as a whole. Additionally, the resolution urges Congress to act to provide a pathway to permanent residency and citizenship for TPS-holders.

## According to the Author

## Arguments in Support

None on file

**Arguments in Opposition**

None on file

**FISCAL COMMENTS**

None

**VOTES**

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**YES:** McKinnor, Lackey, Alanis, Boerner, Elhawary, Garcia, Nguyen

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