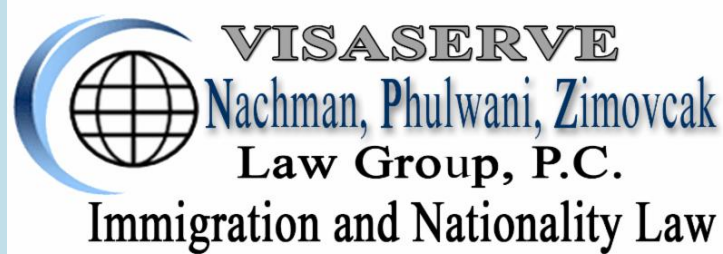


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### Dear Readers:

Happy Passover, Happy Easter and good luck to all H-1B hopefuls. We write this literary contribution as H-1B petitions speed toward USCIS service centers as the 2018-2019 H-1B deadline is reached.

Last week Congress passed a \$1.3 trillion Bill (the "Bill") to fund the federal government for the rest of the fiscal year, running through September 30th, 2018. Though the legislation includes record levels of immigration enforcement, detention beds, and additional funds related to a border wall, the Bill failed to provide President Trump with the funds to spend as he saw fit or a solution for Dreamers.

In the 2,000-page Bill, Congress agreed to provide \$1.6 billion dollars for a border wall, but were specific about how the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") could spend the money.

No funding was allocated for additional Border Patrol Agents, despite the President's pledge to hire 5,000 additional Agents in his January 2017 Executive Order.

In addition to the funds for border enforcement, the Bill does provide a financial boost to interior enforcement measures.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement will receive a record \$7 billion

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budget, which includes funds to maintain a daily average of 40,354 beds in immigration detention centers.

ICE also received funds for 65 additional Homeland Security Investigators and 60 more ICE attorneys but did not receive any funds for additional front-line officers.

Funding for immigration courts, which are run by the Department of Justice, also received a significant increase of \$65 million to fund the hiring of an additional 100 immigration judge teams in an attempt to address the record-level backlog of immigration cases, which currently stands at over 665,000 cases.

There were also last ditch attempts to attach a permanent solution for Dreamers into the bill, with Democrats reportedly offering \$25 billion for the border wall in exchange for the Dream Act. However, this was rejected by the White House and Republicans who were only willing to offer two and half years of temporary protections for those who currently benefit under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals ("DACA") initiative, which Democrats rejected.

The omnibus spending bill likely represents the last, must-pass bill in Congress before the midterm elections in November. This means Congress and the President all failed in their pledges to protect and find a permanent solution for Dreamers. Instead, Congress chose to spend billions of dollars on immigration enforcement and detention while Dreamers were left with uncertainty.

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**PREMIUM PROCESSING UPDATE FOR H-1B VISAS: USCIS WILL TEMPORARILY SUSPEND PREMIUM PROCESSING FOR FISCAL YEAR FOR ALL 2019 H-1B CAP PETITIONS.**

Starting April 2nd, 2018, USCIS will begin accepting H-1B petitions subject to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 cap. USCIS will temporarily suspend premium processing for all FY 2019 cap-subject petitions, including petitions seeking an exemption for individuals with a U.S. master's degree or higher. This suspension is expected to last until September 10th, 2018. During this time, USCIS will continue to accept premium processing requests for H-1B petitions that are not subject to the FY 2019 Cap. USCIS will notify the public before resuming premium processing for cap-subject H-1B petitions or making any other premium processing updates.

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**WHAT IF MY CASE DID NOT GET CHOSEN IN THE H-1B LOTTERY: EXPLORING WORK VISA OPTIONS BEYOND THE H-1B CAP (PART VII of an VIII Part Series)**

Last year, USCIS announced that it received approximately 236,000 H-1B petitions for the fiscal year 2017. Once the lottery (also referred as "random selection process") has been completed, USCIS starts to send receipt notices. With uncertainty looming large as to who may or

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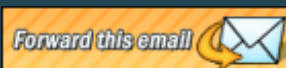
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may obtain an H-1B in the 2018-2019 H-1B Fiscal Year Lottery, it is time that prospective H-1B visa beneficiary hopefuls start exploring other work visa options that may allow them to work and live in the United States on a temporary basis. This article provides a snapshot of possible work visa options that may be available to prospective H-1B nonimmigrant work visa beneficiaries who do not get chosen to be among the lucky few who are chosen to be in the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year H-1B cap.

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#### **USCIS ENUMERATION DIVISION UPDATE: E-VERIFY MODERNIZATION PROGRAM ANNOUNCED.**

On March 26th, USCIS rolled-out a new E-Verify case processing function with a modernized user interface. These upgrades include (1) enhanced usability features; (2) a streamlined process for creating and managing cases to increase the speed and accuracy of verification results; (3) modernized data matching process to reduce Tentative Non-confirmations (TNC's); (3) improved overall data integrity and system compliance; and (4) transfer of case data to a new modernized system.

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#### **USCIS AND CBP TO IMPLEMENT FORM I-129 PILOT PROGRAM FOR CANADIAN L-1 NONIMMIGRANTS.**

From April 30th, 2018, to October 31th, 2018, the USCIS California Service Center (CSC) and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Blaine, Washington, Port-of-Entry (POE) will implement a joint agency pilot program for Canadian citizens seeking L-1 nonimmigrant status under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). This pilot program is designed to facilitate the adjudication and admission process of Canadians traveling to the U.S. as L-1 nonimmigrants.

DHS regulations permit an employer to file an L petition on behalf of a Canadian citizen in conjunction with the Canadian citizen's application for admission to the United States. Petitioners choosing to participate in the joint agency pilot program will be asked to:

- Submit Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker, and supporting evidence to the CSC before the Canadian citizen seeks nonimmigrant L-1 admission to the United States through the Blaine POE; and
- Use a cover sheet annotated with "Canadian L" to ensure quick identification of the Form I-129 and for any correspondence thereafter, such as a response to a request for evidence (RFE).

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#### **NEWS ABOUT MULTIPLE H-1Bs ON THE EVE OF THE FILING DEADLINE: USCIS ISSUES A POLICY MEMO ON THE DESIGNATION OF MATTER OF S-P-, INC.**

USCIS has issued an important "Adopted Decision" on the eve of the H-1B filing deadline. Matter of S-P-, Inc. addresses the prohibition on multiple H-1B filings by "related entities (such as a parent company, subsidiary, or affiliate)." 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(2)(i)(G). For purposes of



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the regulatory bar, Matter of S-P- Inc. clarifies that the term "related entities" includes petitioners, whether or not related through corporate ownership and control, that file cap-subject H-1B petitions for the same H-1B visa Beneficiary for substantially the same job. Absent a legitimate business need to file multiple cap-subject petitions for the same Beneficiary, USCIS will deny or revoke the approval of all H-1B cap-subject petitions filed by "related entities" for that beneficiary.

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### **H-1B VISA ALTERNATIVES AND OPTIONS: THE H-1B CAP WAS REACHED - DO I STILL HAVE A CHANCE OF GETTING AN H-1B VISA?**

In the first week of April during the last several years the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") announced that it has received a sufficient number of H-1B petitions to reach the statutory Cap, both regular and master's. Because of the surge of petitions filed, USCIS conducts a lottery (technically referred as "random selection process"), to determine which petitions received in the five-day submission period, the minimum time USCIS can accept petitions, will actually be considered. USCIS then begins sending receipt notices for the petitions selected in the random selection process.

The H-1B lottery is a very stressful time for thousands of potential H-1B candidates. Until the prospective H-1B employers (or their legal representatives) start receiving receipt notices, and the dark clouds of uncertainty over prospective H-1B visa holders move past, the question worth asking and exploring is: "Do I still have a chance of getting an H-1B visa even if my H-1B petition does not make it to the H-1B cap?"

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### **DOS VISA BULLETIN UPDATE: VISA BULLETIN FOR APRIL 2018 - IF YOUR "PRIORITYDATE" IS CURRENT PLEASE LET US KNOW?**

Employment-based Categories. Why do the April Visa Bulletin final action dates change in the employment-based preference categories seem more dramatic than usual? The advancements and retrogression in final action dates in certain employment-based preference categories are attributable to several factors. First, in terms of timing, the advancement of certain categories is intended to spur sufficient demand early enough in the fiscal year to maximize number use by September 30th, 2018. Second, number usage over the last few months has depleted the "pending demand" of pre-adjudicated cases in certain employment-based categories.

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**O ABC do Visto H-1B (Parte 4 de um conjunto de 8 textos) As avaliações educacional e/ou de experiência no contexto da preparação da petição para o visto H-1B**

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