Run for the Border

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Canada’s got it all—gay marriage, cheaper meds and, now, looser entrance rules for HIVers. Since Toronto is hosting the international AIDS confab next August, our neighbor up north recently ditched a question about HIV status on temporary visa applications. “The question made HIVers disclose [status] for no reason,” says Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network’s Richard Elliott.

Unlike the U.S., Canada has always allowed HIVers to visit, but it’s still tough to get citizenship, due to a legal provision that bars immigrants likely to exert excessive demands on free health services. Visiting HIVers can now linger up to six months—long enough to chill—but not freeze.

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