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The new visa policy will also allow Russian citizens to apply for their relatives' entry through

a diplomatic mission without requesting an invitation through the Interior Ministry.

The State Duma, Russia's lower house of parliament, passed both pieces of legislation submitted by the government last Wednesday. They are tentatively scheduled for the second of three needed Duma votes sometime in April.

The bills will then need a single vote from the upper-house Federation Council and President Vladimir Putin's signature to come into effect.

Current coronavirus restrictions limit travel to and from Russia to a handful of countries where daily case numbers are deemed safe.

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