

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

May 22, 2007.

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 1104) entitled “An Act to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENTS:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN***
2 ***ALIENS SERVING AS TRANSLATORS OR IN-***
3 ***TERPRETERS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES.***

4 *(a) INCREASE IN NUMBERS ADMITTED.—Section 1059*
5 *of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year*
6 *2006 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended—*

7 *(1) in subsection (b)(1)—*

8 *(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “as a*
9 *translator” and inserting “, or under Chief of*
10 *Mission authority, as a translator or inter-*
11 *preter”;*

12 *(B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “the*
13 *Chief of Mission or” after “recommendation*
14 *from”; and*

1 (C) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “the
2 Chief of Mission or” after “as determined by”;
3 and

4 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “section dur-
5 ing any fiscal year shall not exceed 50.” and insert-
6 ing the following: “section—

7 “(A) during each of the fiscal years 2007
8 and 2008, shall not exceed 500; and

9 “(B) during any other fiscal year shall not
10 exceed 50.”.

11 (b) *ALIENS EXEMPT FROM EMPLOYMENT-BASED NU-*
12 *MERICAL LIMITATIONS.*—Section 1059(c)(2) of such Act is
13 *amended—*

14 (1) by amending the paragraph designation and
15 heading to read as follows:

16 “(2) *ALIENS EXEMPT FROM EMPLOYMENT-BASED*
17 *NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.*—”; and

18 (2) by inserting “and shall not be counted
19 against the numerical limitations under sections
20 201(d), 202(a), and 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and
21 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(d), 1152(a), and
22 1153(b)(4))” before the period at the end.

23 (c) *ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS; NATURALIZATION.*—Sec-
24 *tion 1059 of such Act is further amended—*

1 (1) *by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection*
2 *(f); and*

3 (2) *by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-*
4 *lowing:*

5 “(d) *ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Notwithstanding*
6 *paragraphs (2), (7) and (8) of section 245(c) of the Immi-*
7 *gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255(c)), the Sec-*
8 *retary of Homeland Security may adjust the status of an*
9 *alien to that of a lawful permanent resident under section*
10 *245(a) of such Act if the alien—*

11 *“(1) was paroled or admitted as a non-*
12 *immigrant into the United States; and*

13 *“(2) is otherwise eligible for special immigrant*
14 *status under this section and under the Immigration*
15 *and Nationality Act.*

16 “(e) *NATURALIZATION.—*

17 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—An absence from the United*
18 *States described in paragraph (2) shall not be consid-*
19 *ered to break any period for which continuous resi-*
20 *dence in the United States is required for naturaliza-*
21 *tion under title III of the Immigration and Nation-*
22 *ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.).*

23 *“(2) ABSENCE DESCRIBED.—An absence de-*
24 *scribed in this paragraph is an absence from the*
25 *United States due to a person’s employment by the*

1 *Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces,*
2 *under contract with the Chief of Mission or United*
3 *States Armed Forces, or by a firm or corporation*
4 *under contract with the Chief of Mission or United*
5 *States Armed Forces, if—*

6 “(A) *such employment involved working*
7 *with the Chief of Mission or United States*
8 *Armed Forces as a translator or interpreter; and*

9 “(B) *the person spent at least a portion of*
10 *the time outside of the United States working di-*
11 *rectly with the Chief of Mission or United States*
12 *Armed Forces as a translator or interpreter in*
13 *Iraq or Afghanistan.”.*

Amend the title so as to read “An Act to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants, and for other purposes.”.

Attest:

Clerk.

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