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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

To increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators
and interpreters who may be admitted to the United
States as special immigrants.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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
5 1059 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
6 Year 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

15 (C) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “the
16 Chief of Mission or” after “as determined by”;
17 and

18 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “section
19 during any fiscal year shall not exceed 50.” and in-
20 serting the following: “section—

21 “(A) during each of the fiscal years 2007,
22 2008, and 2009, shall not exceed 500; and

23 “(B) during any other fiscal year shall not
24 exceed 50.”.

1 (b) ~~ALIENS EXEMPT FROM EMPLOYMENT-BASED~~
2 ~~NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.~~—Section 1059(e)(2) of such
3 Act is amended—

4 (1) by amending the paragraph heading to read
5 as follows:

6 “~~(2) ALIENS EXEMPT FROM EMPLOYMENT-~~
7 ~~BASED NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.~~—”; and

8 (2) by inserting “and shall not be counted
9 against the numerical limitations under section
10 201(d), 202(a), and 203(b)(4) of the Immigration
11 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(d), 1152(a),
12 and 1153(b)(4))” before the period at the end.

13 (c) ~~ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.~~—Section 1059 of such
14 Act is further amended—

15 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
16 section (e); and

17 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “~~(d) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.~~—Notwithstanding
20 paragraphs (2), (7) and (8) of section 245(e) of the Immi-
21 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255(e)), the Sec-
22 retary of Homeland Security may adjust the status of an
23 alien to that of a lawful permanent resident under section
24 245(a) of such Act if the alien—

1 “~~(1)~~ was paroled or admitted as a non-
2 immigrant into the United States; and

3 “~~(2)~~ is otherwise eligible for special immigrant
4 status under this section and under the Immigration
5 and Nationality Act.”.

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9 *heading to read as follows:*

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11 *NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.*—”; and

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13 *against the numerical limitations under sections*
14 *201(d), 202(a), and 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and*
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