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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 1999

Mr. SMITH of Texas (for himself and Mr. ROGAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Child Status Protec-

5 tion Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRIORITY IN IMMIGRANT VISA ISSUANCE FOR CER-**
2 **TAIN YOUNGER UNMARRIED SONS AND**
3 **DAUGHTERS OF CITIZENS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 203(e)(1) of the Immigra-
5 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(e)(1)) is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “(1) Immigrant” and inserting
8 “(1)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), immigrant”;
9 and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(B)(i) In issuing immigrant visas made available
12 under subsection (a)(1), priority shall be given to an eligi-
13 ble unmarried son or daughter who is an alien described
14 in clause (ii), and is the beneficiary of an approved peti-
15 tion under section 204 that is, or derives from, the petition
16 described in such clause. Subject to the conditions on
17 availability in subsection (a)(1) and sections 201(a)(1),
18 201(c), and 202, the alien shall be considered eligible to
19 apply for an immigrant visa under subsection (a)(1) re-
20 gardless of the date on which the petition described in
21 clause (ii) was filed with the Attorney General.

22 “(ii) The aliens, and the petitions, described in this
23 clause are as follows:

24 “(I) An alien who was a child of a citizen of the
25 United States on the date on which a petition was
26 filed with the Attorney General under section 204 to

1 classify the alien as a immediate relative under sec-
2 tion 201(b)(2)(A)(i).

3 “(II) An alien who was a child of a parent law-
4 fully admitted for permanent residence on the date
5 on which a petition was filed with the Attorney Gen-
6 eral under section 204 to classify the alien as an im-
7 migrant under subsection (a)(2)(A), and who was a
8 child on the date of such parent’s naturalization.

9 “(III) An alien who was a married son or
10 daughter of a citizen of the United States on the
11 date on which a petition was filed with the Attorney
12 General under section 204 to classify the alien as an
13 immigrant under subsection (a)(3), and who was
14 under 21 years of age on the date of the legal termi-
15 nation of the alien’s marriage.

16 “(iii) The Secretary of State shall maintain informa-
17 tion on the number of visas issued pursuant to this sub-
18 paragraph.”.

19 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
20 section (a) apply to immigrant visas made available on or
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act under section
22 203(a)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, without
23 regard to when any classification petition referred to in

1 section 203(e)(1)(B) of such Act (as added by such
2 amendments) was filed.

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