

107TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**S. 963**

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**AN ACT**

For the relief of Ana Esparza and Maria Munoz.

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. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR ANA**  
2 **ESPARZA AND MARIA MUNOZ.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)  
4 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality  
5 Act, Ana Esparza and Maria Munoz shall be eligible for  
6 issuance of immigrant visas or for adjustment of status  
7 to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence  
8 upon filing an application for issuance of immigrant visas  
9 under section 204 of that Act or for adjustment of status  
10 to lawful permanent resident.

11 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Ana Esparza or  
12 Maria Munoz enters the United States before the filing  
13 deadline specified in subsection (c), the alien shall be con-  
14 sidered to have entered and remained lawfully and shall  
15 be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of  
16 the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of en-  
17 actment of this Act.

18 (c) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF  
19 FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the ap-  
20 plication for issuance of immigrant visas or the application  
21 for adjustment of status are filed with appropriate fees  
22 within 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

23 (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBERS.—  
24 Upon the granting of immigrant visas or permanent resi-  
25 dence to Ana Esparza and Maria Munoz, the Secretary  
26 of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by the

1 appropriate number, during the current or next following  
 2 fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas that are  
 3 made available to natives of the country of the aliens' birth  
 4 under section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality  
 5 Act or, if applicable, the total number of immigrant visas  
 6 that are made available to natives of the country of the  
 7 aliens' birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

8 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF ANA ESPARZA FOR PUBLIC BENE-**  
 9 **FITS.**

10 Title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Op-  
 11 portunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1601 et  
 12 seq.) shall not apply for purposes of determining the eligi-  
 13 bility of Ana Esparza or Maria Munoz for any Federal  
 14 public benefit (as defined in section 401(c) (8 U.S.C.  
 15 1611(c)), including a specified Federal program defined  
 16 in section 402(a)(3) of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1612(a)(3)),  
 17 a designated Federal program defined in section 402(b)(3)  
 18 of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1612(a)(3)), or a State or local pub-  
 19 lic benefit, as defined in section 411(c) of that Act (8  
 20 U.S.C. 1621(c)).

Passed the Senate October 17, 2002.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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