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H. R. 2221

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 8, 2007

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A BILL

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

- 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; AMENDMENTS TO IMMIGRATION
- 4 AND NATIONALITY ACT; TABLE OF CON-
- 5 TENTS.
- 6 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
- 7 "Uniting American Families Act of 2007".
- 8 (b) Amendments to Immigration and Nation-
- 9 ALITY ACT.—Except as otherwise specifically provided
- 10 whenever in this Act, an amendment or repeal is expressed
- 11 as the amendment or repeal of a section or other provision,
- 12 the reference shall be considered to be made to that sec-
- 13 tion or provision in the Immigration and Nationality Act.
- (c) Table of Contents.—The table of contents of
- 15 this Act is as follows:
 - Sec. 1. Short title; amendments to Immigration and Nationality Act; table of contents.
 - Sec. 2. Definitions of permanent partner and permanent partnership.
 - Sec. 3. Worldwide level of immigration.
 - Sec. 4. Numerical limitations on individual foreign states.
 - Sec. 5. Allocation of immigrant visas.
 - Sec. 6. Procedure for granting immigrant status.
 - Sec. 7. Annual admission of refugees and admission of emergency situation refugees.
 - Sec. 8. Asylum.
 - Sec. 9. Adjustment of status of refugees.
 - Sec. 10. Inadmissible aliens.
 - Sec. 11. Nonimmigrant status for permanent partners awaiting the availability of an immigrant visa.

- Sec. 12. Conditional permanent resident status for certain alien spouses, permanent partners, and sons and daughters.
- Sec. 13. Conditional permanent resident status for certain alien entrepreneurs, spouses, permanent partners, and children.
- Sec. 14. Deportable aliens.
- Sec. 15. Removal proceedings.
- Sec. 16. Cancellation of removal; adjustment of status.
- Sec. 17. Adjustment of status of nonimmigrant to that of person admitted for permanent residence.
- Sec. 18. Application of criminal penalties to for misrepresentation and concealment of facts regarding permanent partnerships.
- Sec. 19. Requirements as to residence, good moral character, attachment to the principles of the constitution.
- Sec. 20. Application of family unity provisions to permanent partners of certain LIFE Act beneficiaries.
- Sec. 21. Application to Cuban Adjustment Act.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS OF PERMANENT PARTNER AND PER-

| 2 | MANENT PARTNERSHIP. |
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| 3 | Section 101(a) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)) is amended— |
| 4 | (1) in paragraph $(15)(K)(ii)$, by inserting "or |
| 5 | permanent partnership" after "marriage"; and |
| 6 | (2) by adding at the end the following: |
| 7 | "(52) The term 'permanent partner' means an |
| 8 | individual 18 years of age or older who— |
| 9 | "(A) is in a committed, intimate relation- |
| 10 | ship with another individual 18 years of age or |
| 11 | older in which both parties intend a lifelong |
| 12 | commitment; |
| 13 | "(B) is financially interdependent with |
| 14 | that other individual; |
| 15 | "(C) is not married to or in a permanent |
| 16 | partnership with anyone other than that other |
| 17 | individual; |

| 1 | "(D) is unable to contract with that other |
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| 2 | individual a marriage cognizable under this Act; |
| 3 | and |
| 4 | "(E) is not a first, second, or third degree |
| 5 | blood relation of that other individual. |
| 6 | "(53) The term 'permanent partnership' means |
| 7 | the relationship that exists between two permanent |
| 8 | partners.". |
| 9 | SEC. 3. WORLDWIDE LEVEL OF IMMIGRATION. |
| 10 | Section $201(b)(2)(A)(i)$ (8 U.S.C. $1151(b)(2)(A)(i)$) |
| 11 | is amended— |
| 12 | (1) by inserting "permanent partners," after |
| 13 | "spouses,"; |
| 14 | (2) by inserting "or permanent partner" after |
| 15 | "spouse" each place it appears; |
| 16 | (3) by inserting "(or, in the case of a perma- |
| 17 | nent partnership, whose permanent partnership was |
| 18 | not terminated)" after "was not legally separated |
| 19 | from the citizen"; and |
| 20 | (4) by striking "remarries." and inserting "re- |
| 21 | marries or enters a permanent partnership with an- |
| 22 | other person.". |

| 1 | SEC. 4. NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL FOR- |
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| 2 | EIGN STATES. |
| 3 | (a) Per Country Levels.—Section 202(a)(4) (8 |
| 4 | U.S.C. 1152(a)(4)) is amended— |
| 5 | (1) in the heading, by inserting ", PERMANENT |
| 6 | PARTNERS," after "SPOUSES"; |
| 7 | (2) in the heading of subparagraph (A), by in- |
| 8 | serting ", PERMANENT PARTNERS," after |
| 9 | "Spouses"; and |
| 10 | (3) in the heading of subparagraph (C), by |
| 11 | striking "AND DAUGHTERS" inserting "WITHOUT |
| 12 | PERMANENT PARTNERS AND UNMARRIED DAUGH- |
| 13 | TERS WITHOUT PERMANENT PARTNERS". |
| 14 | (b) Rules for Chargeability.—Section 202(b)(2) |
| 15 | (8 U.S.C. 1152(b)(2)) is amended— |
| 16 | (1) by inserting "or permanent partner" after |
| 17 | "spouse" each place it appears; and |
| 18 | (2) by inserting "or permanent partners" after |
| 19 | "husband and wife". |
| 20 | SEC. 5. ALLOCATION OF IMMIGRANT VISAS. |
| 21 | (a) Preference Allocation for Family Mem- |
| 22 | BERS OF PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS.—Section |
| 23 | 203(a)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1153(a)(2)) is amended— |
| 24 | (1) in the heading— |
| 25 | (A) by striking "AND" after "SPOUSES" |
| 26 | and inserting ", PERMANENT PARTNERS,"; and |

(B) by inserting "WITHOUT PERMANENT 1 PARTNERS" after "SONS" and after "DAUGH-2 3 TERS"; (2) in subparagraph (A), by inserting ", perma-4 nent partners," after "spouses"; and 5 6 (3) in subparagraph (B), by inserting "without permanent partners" after "sons" and after "daugh-7 8 ters". 9 (b) Preference Allocation for Sons and Daughters of Citizens.—Section 203(a)(3) (8 U.S.C. 10 11 1153(a)(3)) is amended— 12 (1) in the heading, by inserting "AND DAUGH-TERS AND SONS WITH PERMANENT PARTNERS" after 13 14 "DAUGHTERS"; and (2) by inserting ", or daughters or sons with 15 permanent partners," after "daughters". 16 17 Creation.—Section (c) EMPLOYMENT 203(b)(5)(A)(ii) (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(5)(A)(ii)) is amended by inserting "permanent partner," after "spouse,". 19 20 (d) Treatment of Family Members.—Section 21 203(d) (8 U.S.C. 1153(d)) is amended by inserting ", per-22 manent partner," after "spouse" each place it appears. 23 SEC. 6. PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING IMMIGRANT STATUS. 24 (a) Classification Petitions.—Section 204(a)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)) is amended—

| 1 | (1) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by inserting "or |
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| 2 | permanent partner" after "spouse"; |
| 3 | (2) in subparagraph (A)(iii)— |
| 4 | (A) by inserting "or permanent partner" |
| 5 | after "spouse" each place it appears; and |
| 6 | (B) in subclause (I), by inserting "or per- |
| 7 | manent partnership" after "marriage" each |
| 8 | place it appears; |
| 9 | (3) in subparagraph (A)(v)(I), by inserting |
| 10 | "permanent partner," after "is the spouse,"; |
| 11 | (4) in subparagraph (A)(vi)— |
| 12 | (A) by inserting "or termination of the |
| 13 | permanent partnership" after "divorce"; and |
| 14 | (B) by inserting ", permanent partner," |
| 15 | after "spouse"; and |
| 16 | (5) in subparagraph (B)— |
| 17 | (A) by inserting "or permanent partner" |
| 18 | after "spouse" each place it appears; |
| 19 | (B) by inserting or permanent partnership |
| 20 | after "marriage" in clause (ii)(I)(aa) and the |
| 21 | first place it appears in clause (ii)(I)(bb); and |
| 22 | (C) in clause (ii)(II)(aa)(CC)(bbb), by in- |
| 23 | serting "(or the termination of the permanent |
| 24 | partnership)" after "termination of the mar- |
| 25 | riage''. |

| 1 | (b) Immigration Fraud Prevention.—Section |
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| 2 | 204(c) (8 U.S.C. 1154(c)) is amended— |
| 3 | (1) by inserting "or permanent partner" after |
| 4 | "spouse" each place it appears; and |
| 5 | (2) by inserting "or permanent partnership" |
| 6 | after "marriage" each place it appears. |
| 7 | SEC. 7. ANNUAL ADMISSION OF REFUGEES AND ADMISSION |
| 8 | OF EMERGENCY SITUATION REFUGEES. |
| 9 | Section 207(c) (8 U.S.C. 1157(e)) is amended— |
| 10 | (1) in paragraph (2)— |
| 11 | (A) by inserting "or permanent partner" |
| 12 | after "spouse" each place it appears; and |
| 13 | (B) by inserting "or permanent partner's" |
| 14 | after "spouse's"; and |
| 15 | (2) in paragraph (4), by inserting "or perma- |
| 16 | nent partner" after "spouse". |
| 17 | SEC. 8. ASYLUM. |
| 18 | Section 208(b)(3) (8 U.S.C. 1158(b)(3)) is amend- |
| 19 | ed— |
| 20 | (1) in the heading, by inserting "OR PERMA- |
| 21 | NENT PARTNER" after "SPOUSE"; and |
| 22 | (2) in the text, by inserting "or permanent |
| 23 | partner" after "spouse". |

1 SEC. 9. ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS OF REFUGEES.

- 2 Section 209(b)(3) (8 U.S.C. 1159(b)(3)) is amended
- 3 by inserting "or permanent partner" after "spouse".
- 4 SEC. 10. INADMISSIBLE ALIENS.
- 5 (a) Classes of Aliens Ineligible for Visas or
- 6 Admission.—Section 212(a) (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)) is
- 7 amended—
- 8 (1) in paragraph (3)(D)(iv), by inserting "per-
- 9 manent partner," after "spouse,";
- 10 (2) in paragraph (4)(C)(i)(I), by inserting ",
- permanent partner," after "spouse";
- 12 (3) in paragraph (6)(E)(ii), by inserting "per-
- manent partner," after "spouse,"; and
- 14 (4) in paragraph (9)(B)(v), by inserting ", per-
- manent partner," after "spouse".
- 16 (b) Waivers.—Section 212(d) (8 U.S.C. 1182(d)) is
- 17 amended—
- 18 (1) in paragraph (11), by inserting "permanent
- 19 partner," after "spouse,"; and
- 20 (2) in paragraph (12), by inserting ", perma-
- 21 nent partner," after "spouse".
- (c) Waivers of Inadmissibility on Health-Re-
- 23 LATED GROUNDS.—Section 212(g)(1)(A) (8 U.S.C.
- 24 1182(g)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting "or permanent
- 25 partner" after "spouse".

| 1 | (d) Waivers of Inadmissibility on Criminal and |
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| 2 | RELATED GROUNDS.—Section 212(h)(1)(B) (8 U.S.C. |
| 3 | 1182(h)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting "permanent part- |
| 4 | ner," after "spouse,". |
| 5 | (e) Waiver of Inadmissibility for Misrepresen- |
| 6 | TATION.—Section 212(i)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1182(i)(1)) is |
| 7 | amended by inserting "permanent partner," after |
| 8 | "spouse,". |
| 9 | SEC. 11. NONIMMIGRANT STATUS FOR PERMANENT PART- |
| 10 | NERS AWAITING THE AVAILABILITY OF AN |
| 11 | IMMIGRANT VISA. |
| 12 | Section 214(r) (8 U.S.C. 1184(r)) is amended— |
| 13 | (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting "or perma- |
| 14 | nent partner" after "spouse"; and |
| 15 | (2) by inserting "or permanent partnership" |
| 16 | after "marriage" each place it appears. |
| 17 | SEC. 12. CONDITIONAL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS |
| 18 | FOR CERTAIN ALIEN SPOUSES, PERMANENT |
| 19 | PARTNERS, AND SONS AND DAUGHTERS. |
| 20 | (a) Section Heading.— |
| 21 | (1) In general.—The heading for section 216 |
| 22 | (8 U.S.C. 1186a) is amended by inserting "AND |
| 23 | PERMANENT PARTNERS" after "SPOUSES". |

| 1 | (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con- |
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| 2 | tents is amended by amending the item relating to |
| 3 | section 216 to read as follows: |
| | "Sec. 216. Conditional permanent resident status for certain alien spouses and permanent partners and sons and daughters.". |
| 4 | (b) In General.—Section 216(a) (8 U.S.C. |
| 5 | 1186a(a)) is amended— |
| 6 | (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting "or perma- |
| 7 | nent partner" after "spouse"; |
| 8 | (2) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting "or per- |
| 9 | manent partner" after "spouse"; |
| 10 | (3) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting "perma- |
| 11 | nent partner," after "spouse,"; and |
| 12 | (4) in paragraph (2)(C), by inserting "perma- |
| 13 | nent partner," after "spouse,". |
| 14 | (c) TERMINATION OF STATUS IF FINDING THAT |
| 15 | QUALIFYING MARRIAGE IMPROPER.—Section 216(b) of |
| 16 | such Act (8 U.S.C. 1186a(b)) is amended— |
| 17 | (1) in the heading, by inserting "OR PERMA- |
| 18 | NENT PARTNERSHIP" after "MARRIAGE"; |
| 19 | (2) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting "or per- |
| 20 | manent partnership" after "marriage"; and |
| 21 | (3) in paragraph (1)(A)(ii)— |
| 22 | (A) by inserting "or has ceased to satisfy |
| 23 | the criteria for being considered a permanent |

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partnership under this Act," after "termi-
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            nated,"; and
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                 (B) by inserting "or permanent partner"
            after "spouse".
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        (d) REQUIREMENTS OF TIMELY PETITION AND
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   Interview for Removal of Condition.—Section
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   216(c) (8 U.S.C. 1186a(c)) is amended—
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             (1) in paragraphs (1), (2)(A)(ii), (3)(A)(ii),
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        (3)(C), (4)(B), and (4)(C), by inserting "or perma-
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        nent partner" after "spouse" each place it appears;
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        and
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             (2) in paragraph (3)(A), in the matter following
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        clause (ii), and in paragraph (3)(D), (4)(B), and
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        (4)(C), by inserting "or permanent partnership"
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        after "marriage" each place it appears.
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        (e) Contents of Petition.—Section 216(d)(1) of
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   such Act (8 U.S.C. 1186a(d)(1)) is amended—
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             (1) in the heading of subparagraph (A), by in-
        serting "OR PERMANENT PARTNERSHIP" after "MAR-
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        RIAGE";
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             (2) in subparagraph (A)(i), by inserting "or
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        permanent partnership" after "marriage";
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             (3) in subparagraph (A)(i)(I), by inserting be-
        fore the comma at the end ", or is a permanent
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        partnership recognized under this Act";
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| 1 | (4) in subparagraph (A)(i)(II)— |
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| 2 | (A) by inserting "or has not ceased to sat- |
| 3 | isfy the criteria for being considered a perma- |
| 4 | nent partnership under this Act," after "termi- |
| 5 | nated,"; and |
| 6 | (B) by inserting "or permanent partner" |
| 7 | after "spouse"; |
| 8 | (5) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by inserting "or |
| 9 | permanent partner" after "spouse"; and |
| 10 | (6) in subparagraph (B)(i)— |
| 11 | (A) by inserting "or permanent partner- |
| 12 | ship" after "marriage"; and |
| 13 | (B) by inserting "or permanent partner" |
| 14 | after "spouse". |
| 15 | (e) Definitions.—Section 216(g) (8 U.S.C. |
| 16 | 1186a(g)) is amended— |
| 17 | (1) in paragraph (1)— |
| 18 | (A) by inserting "or permanent partner" |
| 19 | after "spouse" each place it appears; and |
| 20 | (B) by inserting "or permanent partner- |
| 21 | ship" after "marriage" each place it appears; |
| 22 | (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting "or perma- |
| 23 | nent partnership" after "marriage"; |
| 24 | (3) in paragraph (3), by inserting "or perma- |
| 25 | nent partnership" after "marriage"; and |

| 1 | (4) in paragraph (4)— |
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| 2 | (A) by inserting "or permanent partner" |
| 3 | after "spouse" each place it appears; and |
| 4 | (B) by inserting "or permanent partner- |
| 5 | ship" after "marriage". |
| 6 | SEC. 13. CONDITIONAL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS |
| 7 | FOR CERTAIN ALIEN ENTREPRENEURS, |
| 8 | SPOUSES, PERMANENT PARTNERS, AND CHIL- |
| 9 | DREN. |
| 10 | (a) Section Heading.— |
| 11 | (1) In general.—The heading for section |
| 12 | 216A (8 U.S.C. 1186b) is amended by inserting "OR |
| 13 | PERMANENT PARTNERS" after "SPOUSES". |
| 14 | (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con- |
| 15 | tents is amended by amending the item relating to |
| 16 | section 216A to read as follows: |
| | "Sec. 216. Conditional permanent resident status for certain alien entre- preneurs, spouses or permanent partners, and children.". |
| 17 | (b) In General.—Section 216A(a) (8 U.S.C. |
| 18 | 1186b(a)) is amended, in paragraphs (1), (2)(A), (2)(B), |
| 19 | and (2)(C), by inserting "or permanent partner" after |
| 20 | "spouse" each place it appears. |
| 21 | (c) TERMINATION OF STATUS IF FINDING THAT |
| 22 | QUALIFYING ENTREPRENEURSHIP IMPROPER.—Section |
| 23 | 216A(b)(1) (8 U.S.C. 1186b(b)(1)) is amended by insert- |

1 ing "or permanent partner" after "spouse" in the matter following subparagraph (C). 3 (d) REQUIREMENTS OF TIMELY PETITION AND Interview for Removal of Condition.—Section 216A(c) (8 U.S.C. 1186b(c)) is amended, in paragraphs (1), (2)(A)(ii), and (3)(C), by inserting "or permanent partner" after "spouse". 8 (e) Definitions.—Section 216A(f)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1186b(f)(2)) is amended by inserting "or permanent partner" after "spouse" each place it appears. 10 SEC. 14. DEPORTABLE ALIENS. 12 Section 237(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)) is amended— 13 14 (1) in paragraph (1)(D)(i), by inserting "or permanent partners" after "spouses" each place it 15 16 appears; 17 (2) in paragraphs (1)(E)(ii), (1)(E)(iii), and 18 (1)(H)(i)(I), by inserting "or permanent partner" 19 after "spouse"; 20 (3) by adding at the end of paragraph (1) the 21 following new subparagraph: 22 "(I) PERMANENT PARTNERSHIP FRAUD.— 23 An alien shall be considered to be deportable as 24 having procured a visa or other documentation 25 by fraud (within the meaning of section 1

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212(a)(6)(C)(i)) and to be in the United States in violation of this Act (within the meaning of subparagraph (B)) if—

"(i) the alien obtains any admission to the United States with an immigrant visa or other documentation procured on the basis of a permanent partnership entered into less than 2 years prior to such admission and which, within 2 years subsequent to such admission, is terminated because the criteria for permanent partnership are no longer fulfilled, unless the alien establishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Homeland Security that such permanent partnership was not contracted for the purpose of evading any provisions of the immigration laws; or

"(ii) it appears to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Homeland Security that the alien has failed or refused to fulfill the alien's permanent partnership which in the opinion of the Secretary of Homeland Security was made for the purpose of procuring the alien's admission as an immigrant."; and

| 1 | (4) in paragraphs $(2)(E)(i)$ and $(3)(C)(ii)$, by |
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| 2 | inserting "or permanent partner" after "spouse" |
| 3 | each place it appears. |
| 4 | SEC. 15. REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS. |
| 5 | Section 240 (8 U.S.C. 1229a) is amended— |
| 6 | (1) in the heading of subsection (e)(7)(C)(iv), |
| 7 | by inserting "PERMANENT PARTNERS," after |
| 8 | "SPOUSES,"; and |
| 9 | (2) in subsection $(e)(1)$, by inserting "or per- |
| 10 | manent partner" after "spouse". |
| 11 | SEC. 16. CANCELLATION OF REMOVAL; ADJUSTMENT OF |
| 12 | STATUS. |
| 13 | Section 240A(b) (8 U.S.C. 1229b(b)) is amended— |
| 14 | (1) in paragraph (1)(D), by inserting "or per- |
| 15 | manent partner" after "spouse"; |
| 16 | (2) in the heading for paragraph (2), by insert- |
| 17 | ing ", PERMANENT PARTNER," after "SPOUSE"; and |
| 18 | (3) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting ", perma- |
| 19 | nent partner," after "spouse" each place it appears. |
| 20 | SEC. 17. ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS OF NONIMMIGRANT TO |
| 21 | THAT OF PERSON ADMITTED FOR PERMA- |
| 22 | NENT RESIDENCE. |
| 23 | (a) Prohibition on Adjustment of Status.— |
| 24 | Section 245(d) (8 U.S.C. 1255(d)) is amended by insert- |
| 25 | ing "or permanent partnership" after "marriage". |

- 1 (b) Avoiding Immigration Fraud.—Section 245(e)
- 2 (8 U.S.C. 1255(e)) is amended—
- 3 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting "or perma-
- 4 nent partnership" after "marriage"; and
- 5 (2) by adding at the end the following new
- 6 paragraph:
- 7 "(4) Paragraph (1) and section 204(g) shall not
- 8 apply with respect to a permanent partnership if the alien
- 9 establishes by clear and convincing evidence to the satis-
- 10 faction of the Secretary of Homeland Security that the
- 11 permanent partnership was entered into in good faith and
- 12 in accordance with section 101(a)(52) and the permanent
- 13 partnership was not entered into for the purpose of pro-
- 14 curing the alien's admission as an immigrant and no fee
- 15 or other consideration was given (other than a fee or other
- 16 consideration to an attorney for assistance in preparation
- 17 of a lawful petition) for the filing of a petition under sec-
- 18 tion 204(a) or 214(d) with respect to the alien permanent
- 19 partner. In accordance with regulations, there shall be
- 20 only one level of administrative appellate review for each
- 21 alien under the previous sentence.".
- (c) Adjustment of Status for Certain Aliens
- 23 Paying Fee.—Section 245(i)(1)(B) (8 U.S.C.
- 24 1255(i)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting "or permanent
- 25 partner" after "spouse" each place it appears.

| 1 | SEC. 18. APPLICATION OF CRIMINAL PENALTIES TO FOR |
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| 2 | MISREPRESENTATION AND CONCEALMENT |
| 3 | OF FACTS REGARDING PERMANENT PART- |
| 4 | NERSHIPS. |
| 5 | Section 275(c) (8 U.S.C. 1325(c)) is amended to read |
| 6 | as follows: |
| 7 | "(c) Any individual who knowingly enters into a mar- |
| 8 | riage or permanent partnership for the purpose of evading |
| 9 | any provision of the immigration laws shall be imprisoned |
| 10 | for not more than 5 years, or fined not more than |
| 11 | \$250,000, or both.". |
| 12 | SEC. 19. REQUIREMENTS AS TO RESIDENCE, GOOD MORAL |
| 13 | CHARACTER, ATTACHMENT TO THE PRIN- |
| 14 | CIPLES OF THE CONSTITUTION. |
| 15 | Section 316(b) (8 U.S.C. 1427(b)) is amended by in- |
| 16 | serting "or permanent partner" after "spouse". |
| 17 | SEC. 20. APPLICATION OF FAMILY UNITY PROVISIONS TO |
| 18 | PERMANENT PARTNERS OF CERTAIN LIFE |
| 19 | ACT BENEFICIARIES. |
| 20 | Section 1504 of the LIFE Act (division B of the Mis- |
| 21 | cellaneous Appropriations Act, 2001, as enacted into law |
| 22 | by section 1(a)(4) of Public Law 106–554) is amended— |
| 23 | (1) in the heading, by inserting ", PERMA- |
| 24 | NENT PARTNERS," after "SPOUSES"; |
| 25 | |
| | (2) in subsection (a), by inserting ", permanent |

| 1 | (3) in each of subsections (b) and (c)— |
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| 2 | (A) in the subsection headings, by insert- |
| 3 | ing ", Permanent Partners," after |
| 4 | "Spouses"; and |
| 5 | (B) by inserting ", permanent partner," |
| 6 | after "spouse" each place it appears. |
| 7 | SEC. 21. APPLICATION TO CUBAN ADJUSTMENT ACT. |
| 8 | (a) In General.—The first section of Public Law |
| 9 | 89–732 (November 2, 1966; 8 U.S.C. 1255 note) is |
| 10 | amended— |
| 11 | (1) in the next to last sentence, by inserting ", |
| 12 | permanent partner," after "spouse" the first two |
| 13 | places it appears; and |
| 14 | (2) in the last sentence, by inserting ", perma- |
| 15 | nent partners," after "spouses". |
| 16 | (b) Conforming Amendments.— |
| 17 | (1) Section $101(a)(15)(D)$ (8 U.S.C. |
| 18 | 1101(a)(51)(D)) is amended by striking "or spouse" |
| 19 | and inserting ", spouse, or permanent partner". |
| 20 | (2) Section $1506(c)(2)(A)(i)(IV)$ of the Violence |
| 21 | Against Women Act of 2000 (8 U.S.C. 1229a note; |
| 22 | division B of Public Law 106–386) is amended by |
| 23 | striking "or spouse" and inserting ", spouse, or per- |
| 24 | manent partner". |