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H. R. 3188

For the relief of Christopher William Gard, Constance Rhoda Keely Yates,
and Charles Matthew William Gard.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 2017

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona introduced the following bill; which was referred to
the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

For the relief of Christopher William Gard, Constance Rhoda
Keely Yates, and Charles Matthew William Gard.

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. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR CHRIS-**
4 **TOPHER WILLIAM GARD, CONSTANCE RHODA**
5 **KEELY YATES, AND CHARLES MATTHEW WIL-**
6 **LIAM GARD.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)
8 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality
9 Act, Christopher William Gard, Constance Rhoda Keely
10 Yates, and Charles Matthew William Gard shall each be

1 eligible for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjust-
2 ment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for
3 permanent residence upon filing an application for
4 issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204 of such
5 Act or for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resi-
6 dent.

7 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Christopher Wil-
8 liam Gard, Constance Rhoda Keely Yates, or Charles Mat-
9 thew William Gard enters the United States before the
10 filing deadline specified in subsection (c), he or she shall
11 be considered to have entered and remained lawfully and
12 shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible for adjustment of
13 status under section 245 of the Immigration and Nation-
14 ality Act as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

15 (c) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF
16 FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the ap-
17 plication for issuance of an immigrant visa or the applica-
18 tion for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees
19 within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—
21 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-
22 idence to Christopher William Gard, Constance Rhoda
23 Keely Yates, and Charles Matthew William Gard, the Sec-
24 retary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce
25 by 3, during the current or next following fiscal year, the

1 total number of immigrant visas that are made available
2 to natives of the country of the aliens' birth under section
3 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act or, if appli-
4 cable, the total number of immigrant visas that are made
5 available to natives of the country of the aliens' birth
6 under section 202(e) of such Act.

7 (e) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION
8 TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural
9 parents, brothers, and sisters of Christopher William
10 Gard, Constance Rhoda Keely Yates, and Charles Mat-
11 thew William Gard shall not, by virtue of such relation-
12 ship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the
13 Immigration and Nationality Act.

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