

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 979

For the relief of Arturo Hernandez-Garcia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2017

Mr. BENNET introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

For the relief of Arturo Hernandez-Garcia.

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 ARTURO**
4 **HERNANDEZ-GARCIA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)
6 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality
7 Act (8 U.S.C. 1151), Arturo Hernandez-Garcia shall be
8 eligible for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjust-
9 ment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for
10 permanent residence upon filing an application for
11 issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204 of such

1 Act (8 U.S.C. 1154) or for adjustment of status to lawful
2 permanent resident.

3 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Arturo Her-
4 nandez-Garcia enters the United States before the filing
5 deadline specified in subsection (c), he shall be considered
6 to have entered and remained lawfully and shall, if other-
7 wise eligible, be eligible for adjustment of status under
8 section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
9 U.S.C. 1255) as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

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

15 (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—
16 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-
17 idence to Arturo Hernandez-Garcia, the Secretary of State
18 shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by 1, during the
19 current or next following fiscal year, the total number of
20 immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the
21 country of the alien's birth under section 203(a) of the
22 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(a)) or,
23 if applicable, the total number of immigrant visas that are
24 made available to natives of the country of the alien's birth
25 under section 202(e) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1152(e)).

1 (e) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION
2 TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural
3 parents, brothers, and sisters of Arturo Hernandez-Garcia
4 shall not, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any
5 right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Na-
6 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

