

Private Calendar No. 1

116TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 1548

[Report No. 116-423]

For the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno
Rojas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2019

Ms. PELOSI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on the Judiciary

MAY 22, 2020

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary; referred to the Private
Calendar and ordered to be printed

A BILL

For the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J.
Refugio Carreno Rojas.

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 MARIA**

4 **CARMEN CASTRO RAMIREZ AND J. REFUGIO**

5 **CARRENO ROJAS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)
7 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality
8 Act, Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio
9 Carreno Rojas shall each be eligible for issuance of an im-
10 migrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien
11 lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon filing an
12 application for issuance of an immigrant visa under sec-
13 tion 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to lawful
14 permanent resident.

15 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Maria Carmen
16 Castro Ramirez or J. Refugio Carreno Rojas enters the
17 United States before the filing deadline specified in sub-
18 section (d), he or she shall be considered to have entered
19 and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be
20 eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of the
21 Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of the en-
22 actment of this Act.

23 (c) WAIVER OF GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL OR DENIAL
24 OF ADMISSION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections
2 212(a) and 237(a) of the Immigration and Nation-
3 ality Act, Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J.
4 Refugio Carreno Rojas may not be removed from the
5 United States, denied admission to the United
6 States, or considered ineligible for lawful permanent
7 residence in the United States by reason of any
8 ground for removal or denial of admission that is re-
9 flected in the records of the Department of Home-
10 land Security or the Visa Office of the Department
11 of State on the date of the enactment of this Act.

12 (2) RESCISSION OF OUTSTANDING ORDER OF
13 REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security
14 shall rescind any outstanding order of removal or de-
15 portation, or any finding of inadmissibility or de-
16 portability, that has been entered against Maria
17 Carmen Castro Ramirez or J. Refugio Carreno
18 Rojas by reason of any ground described in para-
19 graph (1).

20 (d) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF
21 FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the ap-
22 plication for issuance of an immigrant visa or the applica-
23 tion for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees
24 within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (e) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—

2 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-
3 idence to Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio
4 Carreno Rojas, the Secretary of State shall instruct the
5 proper officer to reduce by 2, during the current or next
6 following fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas
7 that are made available to natives of the country of the
8 aliens' birth under section 203(a) of the Immigration and
9 Nationality Act or, if applicable, the total number of immi-
10 grant visas that are made available to natives of the coun-
11 try of the aliens' birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

12 (f) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION TREAT-

13 MENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural parents,
14 brothers, and sisters of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez
15 and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas shall not, by virtue of such
16 relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status
17 under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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