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# H. R. 2738

For the relief of Ravidath Lawrence Ragbir.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2019

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

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## A BILL

For the relief of Ravidath Lawrence Ragbir.

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**  
4 **RAVIDATH LAWRENCE RAGBIR.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)  
6 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality  
7 Act, Ravidath Lawrence Ragbir shall be eligible for  
8 issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status  
9 to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent resi-  
10 dence upon filing an application for issuance of an immi-  
11 grant visa under section 204 of such Act or for adjustment  
12 of status to lawful permanent resident.

1 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Ravidath Law-  
2 rence Ragbir enters the United States before the filing  
3 deadline specified in subsection (d), he shall be considered  
4 to have entered and remained lawfully and shall, if other-  
5 wise eligible, be eligible for adjustment of status under  
6 section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act as of  
7 the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 (c) WAIVER OF GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL OR DENIAL  
9 OF ADMISSION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections  
11 212(a) and 237(a) of the Immigration and Nation-  
12 ality Act, Ravidath Lawrence Ragbir may not be re-  
13 moved from the United States, denied admission to  
14 the United States, or considered ineligible for lawful  
15 permanent residence in the United States by reason  
16 of any ground for removal or denial of admission  
17 that is reflected in the records of the Department of  
18 Homeland Security or the Visa Office of the Depart-  
19 ment of State on the date of the enactment of this  
20 Act.

21 (2) RESCISSION OF OUTSTANDING ORDER OF  
22 REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security  
23 shall rescind any outstanding order of removal or de-  
24 portation, or any finding of inadmissibility or de-  
25 portability, that has been entered against Ravidath

1 Lawrence Ragbir by reason of any ground described  
2 in paragraph (1).

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

8 (e) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—  
9 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-  
10 idence to Ravidath Lawrence Ragbir, the Secretary of  
11 State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by 1, dur-  
12 ing the current or next following fiscal year, the total num-  
13 ber of immigrant visas that are made available to natives  
14 of the country of the alien's birth under section 203(a)  
15 of the Immigration and Nationality Act or, if applicable,  
16 the total number of immigrant visas that are made avail-  
17 able to natives of the country of the alien's birth under  
18 section 202(e) of such Act.

19 (f) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION TREAT-  
20 MENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural parents,  
21 brothers, and sisters of Ravidath Lawrence Ragbir shall  
22 not, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right,  
23 privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality  
24 Act.

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