

Public Law 94-155  
94th Congress

An Act

Dec. 16, 1975  
[H.R. 568]

To grant an alien child adopted by an unmarried United States citizen the same immigrant status as an alien child adopted by a United States citizen and his spouse.

Alien children,  
adoption.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 101(b) (1) (F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b) (1) (F)) is amended to read as follows:

8 USC 1151.

“(F) a child, under the age of fourteen at the time a petition is filed in his behalf to accord a classification as an immediate relative under section 201(b), who is an orphan because of the death or disappearance of, abandonment or desertion by, or separation or loss from, both parents, or for whom the sole or surviving parent is incapable of providing the proper care and has in writing irrevocably released the child for emigration and adoption; who has been adopted abroad by a United States citizen and spouse jointly, or by an unmarried United States citizen at least twenty-five years of age, who personally saw and observed the child prior to or during the adoption proceedings; or who is coming to the United States for adoption by a United States citizen and spouse jointly, or by an unmarried United States citizen at least twenty-five years of age, who have or has complied with the preadoption requirements, if any, of the child’s proposed residence: *Provided*, That the Attorney General is satisfied that proper care will be furnished the child if admitted to the United States: *Provided further*, That no natural parent or prior adoptive parent of any such child shall thereafter, by virtue of such parentage, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under this Act.”.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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SENATE REPORT No. 94-464 (Comm. on the Judiciary).  
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Dec. 2, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Dec. 3, House concurred in Senate amendment.