

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 372

For the relief of Alirio Palacios Gamez, Hilda Veronica Ramirez Mendez,  
and Jayro Ivan Juarez Ramirez.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOGGETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

For the relief of Alirio Palacios Gamez, Hilda Veronica  
Ramirez Mendez, and Jayro Ivan Juarez Ramirez.

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 ALIRIO**  
4 **PALACIOS GAMEZ, HILDA VERONICA RAMI-**  
5 **REZ MENDEZ, AND JAYRO IVAN JUAREZ RA-**  
6 **MIREZ.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)  
8 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality  
9 Act, Alirio Palacios Gamez, Hilda Veronica Ramirez  
10 Mendez, and Jayro Ivan Juarez Ramirez (also known as

1 Jayron Ivan Juarez Mendez and as Jaro Ivan Ramirez  
2 Mendez) shall each be eligible for issuance of an immi-  
3 grant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien  
4 lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon filing an  
5 application for issuance of an immigrant visa under sec-  
6 tion 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to lawful  
7 permanent resident.

8 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Alirio Palacios  
9 Gamez, Hilda Veronica Ramirez Mendez, and Jayro Ivan  
10 Juarez Ramirez (also known as Jayron Ivan Juarez  
11 Mendez and as Jaro Ivan Ramirez Mendez) enters the  
12 United States before the filing deadline specified in sub-  
13 section (c), each such named individual shall be considered  
14 to have entered and remained lawfully and shall, if other-  
15 wise eligible, be eligible for adjustment of status under  
16 section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act as of  
17 the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (c) WAIVER OF GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL OR DENIAL  
19 OF ADMISSION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections  
21 212(a) and 237(a) of the Immigration and Nation-  
22 ality Act, Alirio Palacios Gamez, Hilda Veronica Ra-  
23 mirez Mendez, and Jayro Ivan Juarez Ramirez (also  
24 known as Jayron Ivan Juarez Mendez and as Jaro  
25 Ivan Ramirez Mendez) may not be removed from the

1 United States, denied admission to the United  
2 States, or considered ineligible for lawful permanent  
3 residence in the United States by reason of any  
4 ground for removal or denial of admission that is re-  
5 flected in the records of the Department of Home-  
6 land Security or the Visa Office of the Department  
7 of State on the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 (2) RECESSIOIN OF OUTSTANDING ORDER OF  
9 REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security  
10 shall rescind any outstanding order of removal or de-  
11 portation, or any finding of inadmissibility or de-  
12 portability, that has been entered against Alirio  
13 Palacios Gamez, Hilda Veronica Ramirez Mendez, or  
14 Jayro Ivan Juarez Ramirez (also known as Jayron  
15 Ivan Juarez Mendez and as Jaro Ivan Ramirez  
16 Mendez) by reason of any ground described in para-  
17 graph (1).

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

23 (e) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—  
24 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-  
25 idence to each of Alirio Palacios Gamez, Hilda Veronica

1 Ramirez Mendez, and Jayro Ivan Juarez Ramirez (also  
2 known as Jayron Ivan Juarez Mendez and as Jaro Ivan  
3 Ramirez Mendez), the Secretary of State shall instruct the  
4 proper officer to reduce by 1, during the current or next  
5 following fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas  
6 that are made available to natives of the country of the  
7 alien's birth under section 203(a) of the Immigration and  
8 Nationality Act or, if applicable, the total number of immi-  
9 grant visas that are made available to natives of the coun-  
10 try of the alien's birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

11 (f) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION TREAT-  
12 MENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural parents,  
13 brothers, and sisters of Alirio Palacios Gamez, Hilda  
14 Veronica Ramirez Mendez, and Jayro Ivan Juarez Rami-  
15 rez (also known as Jayron Ivan Juarez Mendez and as  
16 Jaro Ivan Ramirez Mendez) shall not, by virtue of such  
17 relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status  
18 under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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