

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 977

For the relief of Esther Karinge.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2013

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

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## A BILL

For the relief of Esther Karinge.

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 ESTHER**  
4 **KARINGE.**

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

1           (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Esther Karinge  
2 enters the United States before the filing deadline speci-  
3 fied in subsection (c), she shall be considered to have en-  
4 tered and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible,  
5 be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of  
6 the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of the  
7 enactment of this Act.

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

13           (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—  
14 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-  
15 idence to Esther Karinge, the Secretary of State shall in-  
16 struct the proper officer to reduce by 1, during the current  
17 or next following fiscal year, the total number of immi-  
18 grant visas that are made available to natives of the coun-  
19 try of the alien’s birth under section 203(a) of the Immi-  
20 gration and Nationality Act or, if applicable, the total  
21 number of immigrant visas that are made available to na-  
22 tives of the country of the alien’s birth under section  
23 202(e) of such Act.

24           (e) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION  
25 TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural

1 parents, brothers, and sisters of Esther Karinge shall not,  
2 by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privi-  
3 lege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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