

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 1654

For the relief of Maria I. Benitez and Maria Guadalupe Lopez.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

Mr. BURRIS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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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.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)  
5       and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality  
6       Act (8 U.S.C. 1151), the beneficiaries described in sub-  
7       section (f) shall be eligible for issuance of an immigrant  
8       visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully  
9       admitted for permanent residence upon filing an applica-  
10      tion for issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204

1 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1154) or for adjustment of status  
2 to lawful permanent resident.

3 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If a beneficiary de-  
4 scribed in subsection (f) enters the United States before  
5 the filing deadline specified in subsection (e), the bene-  
6 ficiary shall be considered to have entered and remained  
7 lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible for ad-  
8 justment of status under section 245 of the Immigration  
9 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255) as of the date of the  
10 enactment of this Act.

11 (c) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF  
12 FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the ap-  
13 plication for issuance of an immigrant visa or the applica-  
14 tion for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees  
15 not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of  
16 this Act.

17 (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—  
18 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-  
19 idence to a beneficiary described in subsection (f), the Sec-  
20 retary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce  
21 by one, during the current or next following fiscal year,  
22 the total number of immigrant visas that are made avail-  
23 able to natives of the country of the beneficiary's nation-  
24 ality under section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nation-  
25 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(a)) or, if applicable, the total

1 number of immigrant visas that are made available to na-  
2 tives of the country of the beneficiary's nationality under  
3 section 202(e) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1152(e)).

4 (e) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION  
5 TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural  
6 parents, brothers, and sisters of a beneficiary described  
7 in subsection (f) shall not, by virtue of such relationship,  
8 be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immi-  
9 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

10 (f) BENEFICIARIES.—The beneficiaries described in  
11 this subsection are the following:

- 12 (1) Maria I. Benitez.  
13 (2) Maria Guadalupe Lopez.

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