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To increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BOND, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. DODD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

A BILL

To increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants.

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. SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN**
4 **ALIENS SERVING AS TRANSLATORS OR IN-**
5 **TERPRETERS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

6 (a) INCREASE IN NUMBERS ADMITTED.—Section
7 1059 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
8 Year 2006 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “as a
 2 translator” and inserting “, or under Chief of
 3 Mission authority, as a translator or inter-
 4 preter” ;

5 (B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “the
 6 Chief of Mission or” after “recommendation
 7 from”; and

8 (C) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “the
 9 Chief of Mission or” after “as determined by”;
 10 and

11 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “section
 12 during any fiscal year shall not exceed 50.” and in-
 13 serting the following: “section—

14 “(A) during each of the fiscal years 2007,
 15 2008, and 2009, shall not exceed 500; and

16 “(B) during any other fiscal year shall not
 17 exceed 50.”.

18 (b) ALIENS EXEMPT FROM EMPLOYMENT-BASED
 19 NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—Section 1059(c)(2) of such
 20 Act is amended—

21 (1) by amending the paragraph heading to read
 22 as follows:

23 “(2) ALIENS EXEMPT FROM EMPLOYMENT-
 24 BASED NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—”; and

1 (2) by inserting “and shall not be counted
2 against the numerical limitations under section
3 201(d), 202(a), and 203(b)(4) of the Immigration
4 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(d), 1152(a),
5 and 1153(b)(4))” before the period at the end.

6 (c) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Section 1059 of such
7 Act is further amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
9 section (e); and

10 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(d) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Notwithstanding
13 paragraphs (2), (7) and (8) of section 245(c) of the Immi-
14 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255(c)), the Sec-
15 retary of Homeland Security may adjust the status of an
16 alien to that of a lawful permanent resident under section
17 245(a) of such Act if the alien—

18 “(1) was paroled or admitted as a non-
19 immigrant into the United States; and

20 “(2) is otherwise eligible for special immigrant
21 status under this section and under the Immigration
22 and Nationality Act.”.

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