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To make technical corrections to section 1244 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, which provides special immigrant status for certain Iraqis, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. BOND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO PROVISION**
2 **GRANTING SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR**
3 **CERTAIN IRAQIS.**

4 Section 1244(c) of the National Defense Authoriza-
5 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181) is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “each of the
8 five years beginning after the date of the enactment
9 of this Act” and inserting “fiscal years 2008
10 through 2012”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (3)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

13 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by
14 striking “ONE THROUGH FOUR” and in-
15 serting “2008 THROUGH 2011”; and

16 (ii) by striking “one through four”
17 and inserting “2008 through 2011”; and

18 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

19 (i) in the matter preceding clause
20 (i)—

21 (I) in the subparagraph heading,
22 by striking “FIVE AND SIX” and in-
23 serting “2012 AND 2013”;

24 (II) by striking “the fifth fiscal
25 year beginning after the date of the

1 enactment of this Act” and inserting
2 “fiscal year 2012”; and
3 (III) by striking “the sixth fiscal
4 year beginning after such date” and
5 inserting “fiscal year 2013”; and
6 (ii) in each of clauses (i) and (ii), by
7 striking “the fifth fiscal year” and insert-
8 ing “fiscal year 2012”.

9 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO CONVERT PETITIONS DURING**
10 **TRANSITION PERIOD.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
12 rity or the Secretary of State may convert an approved
13 petition for special immigrant status under section 1059
14 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
15 2006 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) with respect to which a visa
16 under such section 1059 is not immediately available to
17 an approved petition for special immigrant status under
18 section 1244 of the National Defense Authorization Act
19 for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181) notwith-
20 standing any requirement of subsection (a) or (b) of such
21 section 1244 but subject to the numerical limitations ap-
22 plicable under subsection (c) of such section 1244, as
23 amended by this Act.

1 (b) DURATION.—The authority under subsection (a)
2 shall be available only with respect to petitions filed before
3 October 1, 2008.

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