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# S. 1965

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 5, 2025

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MERKLEY) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Protect Vulnerable Im-  
5       migrant Youth Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATING CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT-BASED VISA**  
2 **CAPS FOR SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILES.**

3 (a) **ALIENS NOT SUBJECT TO DIRECT NUMERICAL**  
4 **LIMITATIONS.**—Section 201(b)(1)(A) of the Immigration  
5 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(1)(A)) is amended  
6 by striking “subparagraph (A) or (B)” and inserting  
7 “subparagraph (A), (B), or (J)”.

8 (b) **PREFERENCE ALLOCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT-**  
9 **BASED IMMIGRANTS.**—Section 203(b)(4) of the Immigra-  
10 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(4)) is amend-  
11 ed by striking “subparagraph (A) or (B) thereof” and in-  
12 serting “subparagraph (A), (B), or (J) of such section”.

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