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To temporarily increase the number of visas available for backlogged spouses and children of lawful permanent resident aliens.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHAYS (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FROST, Mr. GILMAN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. NADLER, Mr. PETRI, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. STARK, Mr. WALSH, Mr. YATES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To temporarily increase the number of visas available for backlogged spouses and children of lawful permanent resident aliens.

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. 5-YEAR INCREASE IN VISAS FOR BACKLOGGED**
4 **SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF LAWFUL PER-**
5 **MANENT RESIDENT ALIENS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any immigrant visa
7 numbers otherwise available, 60,000 immigrant visa num-
8 bers shall be made available in each of the fiscal years

1 1999 through 2004 for aliens who have petitions approved
2 for classification under section 203(a)(2)(A) of the Immi-
3 gration and Nationality Act for the fiscal year.

4 (b) PRIORITY.—

5 (1) Subject to paragraph (2), visa numbers
6 under this section shall be made available in the
7 order in which a petition, on behalf of each such im-
8 migrant for classification under section 203(a)(2)(A)
9 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, is filed with
10 the Attorney General under section 204 of such Act.

11 (2) Visa numbers shall first be made available
12 to aliens for whom the petitioning alien did not be-
13 come an alien lawfully admitted for permanent resi-
14 dence through the operation of section 210 or 245A
15 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

16 (3) The per country numerical limitations of
17 section 202 of such Act shall not apply with respect
18 to visa numbers made available under this section,
19 and visa numbers made available under this section
20 shall not be counted in determining whether there
21 are excess family admissions in a fiscal year under
22 section 201(c)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nation-
23 ality Act.

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