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To provide for adjustment of immigration status for certain aliens granted temporary protected status in the United States because of conditions in Montserrat.

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Mr. OWENS introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS FOR CERTAIN NA-**
4 **TIONALS OF MONTSERRAT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The status of any alien described
6 in subsection (c) shall be adjusted by the Attorney General
7 to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent resi-
8 dence, if the alien—

1 (1) applies for such adjustment within 1 year
2 after the date of enactment of this Act; and

3 (2) is determined to be admissible to the United
4 States for permanent residence.

5 (b) CERTAIN GROUNDS FOR EXCLUSION INAPPLI-
6 CABLE.—For purposes of determining admissibility under
7 subsection (a)(2), the grounds for inadmissibility specified
8 in paragraphs (4), (5), (6)(A), and 7(A) of section 212(a)
9 of the Immigration and Nationality Act shall not apply.

10 (c) ALIENS ELIGIBLE FOR ADJUSTMENT OF STA-
11 TUS.—An alien shall be eligible for adjustment of status
12 under subsection (a) only if the alien—

13 (1) is a national of Montserrat; and

14 (2) was granted temporary protected status in
15 the United States by the Attorney General pursuant
16 to the designation of Montserrat under section
17 244A(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act
18 on August 28, 1997.

19 **SEC. 2. EFFECT OF APPLICATION ON CERTAIN ORDERS.**

20 An alien present in the United States who has been
21 ordered excluded, deported, or removed, or ordered to de-
22 part voluntarily, from the United States through an order
23 of removal issued under the Immigration and Nationality
24 Act may, notwithstanding such order of removal, apply for
25 adjustment of status under section 1. Such an alien shall

1 not be required to file a separate motion to reopen, recon-
2 sider, or vacate the order of removal. If the Attorney Gen-
3 eral approves the application, the Attorney General shall
4 cancel the order of removal. If the Attorney General ren-
5 ders a final administrative decision to deny the applica-
6 tion, the order of removal shall be effective and enforce-
7 able to the same extent as if the application had not been
8 made.

9 **SEC. 3. WORK AUTHORIZATION.**

10 The Attorney General shall authorize an alien who
11 has applied for adjustment of status under section 1 to
12 engage in employment in the United States during the
13 pendency of such application and shall provide the alien
14 with an appropriate document signifying authorization of
15 employment.

16 **SEC. 4. ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS FOR CERTAIN FAMILY**
17 **MEMBERS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The status of an alien shall be
19 adjusted by the Attorney General to that of an alien law-
20 fully admitted for permanent residence if the alien—

21 (1) is the spouse, parent, or unmarried son or
22 daughter of an alien whose status is adjusted under
23 section 1;

1 (2) applies for adjustment under this section
2 within 2 years after the date of enactment of this
3 Act; and

4 (3) is determined to be admissible to the United
5 States for permanent residence.

6 (b) CERTAIN GROUNDS FOR EXCLUSION INAPPLI-
7 CABLE.—For purposes of determining admissibility under
8 subsection (a)(3), the grounds for inadmissibility specified
9 in paragraphs (4), (5), (6)(A), and 7(A) of section 212(a)
10 of the Immigration and Nationality Act shall not apply.

11 **SEC. 5. AVAILABILITY OF REVIEW.**

12 (a) ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.—The Attorney Gen-
13 eral shall provide to aliens applying for adjustment of sta-
14 tus under section 1 or 4 the same right to, and procedures
15 for, administrative review as are provided to—

16 (1) applicants for adjustment of status under
17 section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act;
18 or

19 (2) aliens subject to removal proceedings under
20 section 240 of such Act.

21 (b) LIMITATION ON JUDICIAL REVIEW.—A deter-
22 mination by the Attorney General as to whether the status
23 of any alien should be adjusted under this Act is final and
24 shall not be subject to review by any court.

1 **SEC. 6. NO OFFSET IN NUMBER OF VISAS AVAILABLE.**

2 The granting of adjustment of status under section
3 1 shall not reduce the number of immigrant visas author-
4 ized to be issued under any provision of the Immigration
5 and Nationality Act.

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