

116TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 796

For the relief of Ruben Mkoian and Asmik Karapetian.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 14, 2019

Mrs. FEINSTEIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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# A BILL

For the relief of Ruben Mkoian and Asmik Karapetian.

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. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR RUBEN**

4                   **MKOIAN AND ASMIK KARAPETIAN.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)  
6 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality  
7 Act (8 U.S.C. 1151), Ruben Mkoian and Asmik  
8 Karapetian shall each be eligible for the issuance of an  
9 immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an  
10 alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon fil-  
11 ing an application for issuance of an immigrant visa under

1 section 204 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1154) or for adjustment  
2 of status to lawful permanent resident.

3 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Ruben Mkoian or  
4 Asmik Karapetian enters the United States before the fil-  
5 ing deadline specified in subsection (c), Ruben Mkoian or  
6 Asmik Karapetian, as appropriate, shall be considered to  
7 have entered and remained lawfully in the United States  
8 and shall be eligible for adjustment of status under section  
9 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
10 1255) as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 (c) APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES.—Sub-  
12 sections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the application for  
13 the issuance of an immigrant visa or the application for  
14 adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees not  
15 later than two years after the date of the enactment of  
16 this Act.

17 (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBERS.—  
18 Upon granting an immigrant visa or permanent resident  
19 status to Ruben Mkoian and Asmik Karapetian, the Sec-  
20 retary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce  
21 by two, during the current or next following fiscal year—  
22 (1) the total number of immigrant visas that  
23 are made available to natives of the country of birth  
24 of Ruben Mkoian and Asmik Karapetian under sec-

1       tion 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act  
2       (8 U.S.C. 1153(a)); or

3               (2) if applicable, the total number of immigrant  
4       visas that are made available to natives of the coun-  
5       try of birth of Ruben Mkoian and Asmik Karapetian  
6       under section 202(e) of such Act (8 U.S.C.  
7       1152(e)).

8               (e) PAYGO.—The budgetary effects of this Act, for  
9       the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-  
10      Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the  
11      latest statement titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO  
12      Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the  
13      Congressional Record by the Chairman of the Senate  
14      Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been  
15      submitted prior to the vote on passage.

