

One Hundred Tenth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Thursday,
the third day of January, two thousand and eight*

An Act

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.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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

Section 1244(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181) is amended—

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

(2) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in the subparagraph heading, by striking “ONE THROUGH FOUR” and inserting “2008 THROUGH 2011”; and

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

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

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

(I) in the subparagraph heading, by striking “FIVE AND SIX” and inserting “2012 AND 2013”;

(II) by striking “the fifth fiscal year beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act” and inserting “fiscal year 2012”; and

(III) by striking “the sixth fiscal year beginning after such date” and inserting “fiscal year 2013”; and

(ii) in each of clauses (i) and (ii), by striking “the fifth fiscal year” and inserting “fiscal year 2012”.

SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO CONVERT PETITIONS DURING TRANSITION PERIOD.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security or the Secretary of State may convert an approved petition for special immigrant status under section 1059 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) with respect to which a visa under such section 1059 is not immediately available to an approved petition for special immigrant status under section 1244 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181) notwithstanding any requirement of subsection (a) or (b) of such section 1244 but subject to the

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numerical limitations applicable under subsection (c) of such section 1244, as amended by this Act.

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

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*