

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 316

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 5, 2012

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

For the relief of Esther Karinge.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR ESTHER**
2 **KARINGE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)
4 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality
5 Act, Esther Karinge shall be eligible for issuance of an
6 immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an
7 alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon fil-
8 ing an application for issuance of an immigrant visa under
9 section 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to
10 lawful permanent resident.

11 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Esther Karinge
12 enters the United States before the filing deadline speci-
13 fied in subsection (c), she shall be considered to have en-
14 tered and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible,
15 be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of
16 the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of the
17 enactment of this Act.

18 (c) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF
19 FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the ap-
20 plication for issuance of an immigrant visa or the applica-
21 tion for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees
22 within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

23 (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—
24 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-
25 idence to Esther Karinge, the Secretary of State shall in-
26 struct the proper officer to reduce by 1, during the current

1 or next following fiscal year, the total number of immi-
2 grant visas that are made available to natives of the coun-
3 try of the alien's birth under section 203(a) of the Immi-
4 gration and Nationality Act or, if applicable, the total
5 number of immigrant visas that are made available to na-
6 tives of the country of the alien's birth under section
7 202(e) of such Act.

8 (e) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION
9 TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural
10 parents, brothers, and sisters of Esther Karinge shall not,
11 by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privi-
12 lege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Passed the House of Representatives December 4,
2012.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.