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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXTENSION INTO FISCAL YEAR 1999 OF VISA**  
2 **PROCESSING PERIOD FOR DIVERSITY APPLI-**  
3 **CANTS WHOSE VISA PROCESSING WAS SUS-**  
4 **PENDED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1998 DUE TO**  
5 **EMBASSY BOMBINGS.**

6 (a) EXTENSION OF PERIOD.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding clause  
8 (ii)(II) of section 204(a)(1)(G) of the Immigration  
9 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(G)), in  
10 the case of an alien described in paragraph (1) or  
11 (2) of subsection (b)—

12 (A) the petition filed for classification  
13 under section 203(c) of such Act (8 U.S.C.  
14 1153(c)) for fiscal year 1998 is deemed ap-  
15 proved for processing for fiscal year 1999, with-  
16 out the payment of an additional \$75 filing fee;  
17 and

18 (B) the priority rank for such an alien for  
19 such classification for fiscal year 1999 is the  
20 earliest priority rank established for such classi-  
21 fication for such fiscal year.

22 (2) VISAS CHARGED TO FISCAL YEAR 1999.—  
23 Immigrant visas made available pursuant paragraph  
24 (1) shall be charged to fiscal year 1999.

25 (b) ALIENS ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS.—

1           (1) PETITIONING ALIEN.—An alien described in  
2 this paragraph is an alien who—

3           (A) had a petition approved for processing  
4 under section 203(c) of the Immigration and  
5 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(c)) for fiscal  
6 year 1998; and

7           (B)(i) had been scheduled for an immi-  
8 grant visa interview on or after August 6, 1998,  
9 and before October 1, 1998, at the United  
10 States embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, at the  
11 United States embassy in Dar Es Salaam, Tan-  
12 zania, or at any other United States visa proc-  
13 essing post designated by the Secretary of State  
14 as a post at which immigrant visa services were  
15 suspended in fiscal year 1998 as a result of  
16 events related to the August 7, 1998, bombing  
17 of those embassies; or

18           (ii) had been interviewed for such a visa  
19 but refused issuance under section 221(g) of  
20 such Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(g)) during fiscal year  
21 1998 at such an embassy or post.

22           (2) FAMILY MEMBERS.—An alien described in  
23 this paragraph is an alien who—

24           (A) is a family member described in sec-  
25 tion 203(d) of the Immigration and Nationality

1 Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(d)) of an alien described in  
2 paragraph (1); or

3 (B)(i) is a family member described in  
4 such section of an alien described in paragraph  
5 (1)(A); and

6 (ii) meets the requirement of clause (i) or  
7 (ii) of paragraph (1)(B).

Passed the House of Representatives October 15,  
1998.

Attest:

*Clerk.*