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To provide for special immigrant status for certain aliens working as
journalists in Hong Kong.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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working as journalists in Hong Kong.

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. SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN**
4 **ALIENS WORKING AS JOURNALISTS IN HONG**
5 **KONG.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c), an alien
7 described in subsection (b) shall be treated as a special
8 immigrant described in section 101(a)(27) of the Immi-
9 gration and Nationality Act.

1 (b) ALIENS COVERED.—An alien is described in this
2 subsection if the alien is—

3 (1) a journalist residing in Hong Kong—

4 (A) who is a national of Hong Kong or
5 China;

6 (B) whose principal employment or source
7 of income has been the news media (including
8 print, radio, and television) in Hong Kong for
9 at least 3 years prior to an application for spe-
10 cial immigrant status under this section; and

11 (C) whose welfare or safety is likely to be
12 subject to threats or harassment due directly to
13 the journalist's work in the news media in
14 Hong Kong; or

15 (2) the spouse or child (as defined in subsection
16 (e)) of an alien described in paragraph (1), if accom-
17 panying or following to join the alien in coming to
18 the United States.

19 (c) PERIOD OF VALIDITY.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The period of validity of a
21 special immigrant visa issued under this section
22 shall be on and after January 1, 1997, and before
23 January 1, 2002.

24 (2) NOTIFICATION OF CONSULAR OFFICERS.—

25 Before the date an alien seeks to be admitted to the

1 United States as a special immigrant under this sec-
2 tion, the alien shall notify the appropriate consular
3 officer of the alien's intention to seek such admis-
4 sion and provide such officer with such information
5 as the officer determines to be necessary to verify
6 that the alien remains eligible for admission to the
7 United States as an immigrant.

8 (d) NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—Not more than
9 2,000 visas shall be made available to aliens as special
10 immigrants under this section. Aliens admitted under this
11 section shall not be counted against any numerical limita-
12 tion established under section 201 or 202 of the Immigra-
13 tion and Nationality Act.

14 (e) TREATMENT OF CHILDREN.—In this section, the
15 term “child” has the meaning given such term in section
16 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and
17 also includes (for purposes of this section and the Immi-
18 gration and Nationality Act as it applies to this section)
19 an alien who was the child (as so defined) of the alien
20 as of the date of the issuance of an immigrant visa to
21 the alien described in subsection (b)(1).

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