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S. 1642

To extend the duration of the immigrant investor regional center pilot program for 5 additional years, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2003

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

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. PILOT IMMIGRATION PROGRAM.**

4 (a) PROCESSING PRIORITY UNDER PILOT IMMIGRA-
5 TION PROGRAM FOR REGIONAL CENTERS TO PROMOTE
6 ECONOMIC GROWTH.—Section 610 of the Departments of
7 Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related
8 Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (8 U.S.C. 1153 note)
9 is amended—

1 (1) by striking “Attorney General” each place
2 such term appears and inserting “Secretary of
3 Homeland Security”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(d) In processing petitions under section
6 204(a)(1)(H) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
7 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(H)) for classification under section
8 203(b)(5) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(5)), the Sec-
9 retary of Homeland Security may give priority to petitions
10 filed by aliens seeking admission under the pilot program
11 described in this section. Notwithstanding section 203(e)
12 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(e)), immigrant visas made
13 available under such section 203(b)(5) may be issued to
14 such aliens in an order that takes into account any priority
15 accorded under the preceding sentence.”.

16 (b) EXTENSION.—Section 610(b) of the Departments
17 of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Re-
18 lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (8 U.S.C. 1153
19 note) is amended by striking “10 years” and inserting “15
20 years”.

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