

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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For the relief of Meriam Yahya Ibrahim, Martin Wani, and Maya Wani.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

For the relief of Meriam Yahya Ibrahim, Martin Wani, and
Maya Wani.

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. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR MERIAM**
4 **YAHYA IBRAHIM, MARTIN WANI, AND MAYA**
5 **WANI.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)
7 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality
8 Act (8 U.S.C. 1151), Meriam Yahya Ibrahim, Martin
9 Wani, and Maya Wani shall each be eligible for—

10 (1) issuance of an immigrant visa;

1 (2) adjustment of status to that of an alien law-
2 fully admitted for permanent residence upon filing
3 an application for issuance of an immigrant visa
4 under section 204 of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1154); or
5 (3) adjustment of status to lawful permanent
6 resident.

7 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Meriam Yahya
8 Ibrahim, Martin Wani, or Maya Wani enters the United
9 States before the filing deadline specified in subsection (c),
10 he or she shall be considered to have entered and remained
11 lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible for ad-
12 justment of status under section 245 of the Immigration
13 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255) as of the date of the
14 enactment of this Act.

15 (c) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF
16 FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if, within
17 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
18 applicant files with appropriate fees—

19 (1) the application for issuance of an immigrant
20 visa; or

21 (2) the application for adjustment of status.

22 (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—
23 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-
24 idence to Meriam Yahya Ibrahim, Martin Wani, and Maya
25 Wani, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper offi-

1 cer to reduce by 3, during the current or next following
2 fiscal year—

3 (1) the total number of immigrant visas that
4 are made available to natives of the country of birth
5 of the aliens under section 203(a) of the Immigra-
6 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(a)); or

7 (2) if applicable, the total number of immigrant
8 visas that are made available to natives of the coun-
9 try of birth of the aliens under section 202(e) of
10 that Act (8 U.S.C. 1152(e)).

11 (e) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION
12 TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural
13 parents, brothers, and sisters of Meriam Yahya Ibrahim,
14 Martin Wani, and Maya Wani shall not, by virtue of such
15 relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status
16 under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
17 1101 et seq.).