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To authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain aliens who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RIVERA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Armed Services, and Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

- To authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain aliens who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.
 - 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. SHORT TITLE.

- 4 This Act may be cited as—
- 5 (1) the "Adjusted Residency for Military Serv-
- 6 ice Act"; or
- 7 (2) the "ARMS Act".

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3 SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

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5	(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise specifi-
6	cally provided, a term used in this Act that is used
7	in the immigration laws shall have the meaning
8	given such term in the immigration laws.
9	(2) Conditional nonimmigrant.—

- 10 (A) DEFINITION.—The term "conditional
 11 nonimmigrant" means an alien who is granted
 12 conditional nonimmigrant status under this Act.
- 13 (B) DESCRIPTION.—A conditional non14 immigrant—
- (i) shall be considered to be an alien
 within a nonimmigrant class for purposes
 of the immigration laws;

1	(ii) may have the intention perma-
2	nently to reside in the United States; and
3	(iii) is not required to have a foreign
4	residence which the alien has no intention
5	of abandoning.
6	(3) Immigration laws.—The term "immigra-
7	tion laws" has the meaning given such term in sec-
8	tion $101(a)(17)$ of the Immigration and Nationality
9	Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17)).
10	(4) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
11	term "institution of higher education" has the
12	meaning given such term in section 102 of the High-
13	er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002), except
14	that the term does not include an institution of high-
15	er education outside the United States.
16	(5) MILITARY-RELATED TERMS.—The terms
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1	(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
2	provision of law and except as otherwise provided in
3	this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security may
4	cancel removal of an alien who is inadmissible or de-
5	portable from the United States, and grant the alien
6	conditional nonimmigrant status, if the alien dem-
7	onstrates by a preponderance of the evidence that—
8	(A) the alien has been physically present in
9	the United States for a continuous period of
10	not less than 5 years immediately preceding the
11	date of the enactment of this Act and was
12	younger than 16 years of age on the date the
13	alien initially entered the United States;
14	(B) the alien has been a person of good
15	moral character since the date the alien initially
16	entered the United States;
17	(C) subject to paragraph (2), the alien—
18	(i) is not inadmissible under para-
19	graph (1), (2), (3), (4), (6)(E), (6)(G), (8),
20	(10)(A), $(10)(C)$, or $(10)(D)$ of section
21	212(a) of the Immigration and Nationality
22	Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a));
23	(ii) is not deportable under paragraph
24	(1)(E), (1)(G), (2), (4), (5), or (6) of sec-

1 tion 237(a) of the Immigration and Na-2 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)); 3 (iii) has not ordered, incited, assisted, 4 or otherwise participated in the persecution 5 of any person on account of race, religion, 6 nationality, membership in a particular so-7 cial group, or political opinion; and 8 (iv) has not been convicted of— 9 (I) any offense under Federal or 10 State law punishable by a maximum 11 term of imprisonment of more than 1 12 year; or 13 (II) 3 or more offenses under 14 Federal or State law, for which the 15 alien was convicted on different dates 16 for each of the 3 offenses and sen-17 tenced to imprisonment for an aggre-18 gate of 90 days or more; 19 (D) the alien— 20 (i) has been admitted to an institution 21 of higher education in the United States; 22 or

23 (ii) has earned a high school diploma
24 or obtained a general education develop25 ment certificate in the United States;

1	(E) the alien has never been under a final
2	administrative or judicial order of exclusion, de-
3	portation, or removal, unless the alien—
4	(i) has remained in the United States
5	under color of law after such order was
6	issued; or
7	(ii) received the order before attaining
8	the age of 16 years; and
9	(F) the alien was younger than 30 years of
10	age on the date of the enactment of this Act.
11	(2) WAIVER.—With respect to any benefit
12	under this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security
13	may waive the ground of inadmissibility under para-
14	graph (1), (4), or (6) of section $212(a)$ of the Immi-
15	gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)) and
16	the ground of deportability under paragraph (1) of
17	section 237(a) of that Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)) for
18	humanitarian purposes or family unity or when it is
19	otherwise in the public interest.
20	(3) PROCEDURES.—The Secretary of Homeland
21	Security shall provide a procedure by regulation al-
22	lowing eligible individuals to apply affirmatively for
23	the relief available under this subsection without
24	being placed in removal proceedings.

1 (4) SURCHARGE.—The Secretary of Homeland 2 Security shall charge and collect a surcharge of 3 \$525 per application on all applications for relief 4 under this subsection. Such surcharge shall be in ad-5 dition to the otherwise applicable application fee im-6 posed for the purpose of recovering the full costs of 7 providing adjudication and processing services. Not-8 withstanding any other provision of law, including 9 section 286 of the Immigration and Nationality Act 10 (8 U.S.C. 1356), any surcharge collected under this 11 paragraph shall be deposited as offsetting receipts in 12 the General Fund of the Treasury and shall not be 13 available for obligation or expenditure. 14 (5) DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICA-

14 (5) DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICA-15 TION.—An alien shall submit an application for can-16 cellation of removal and conditional nonimmigrant 17 status under this subsection no later than the date 18 that is 1 year after the later of—

19 (A) the date the alien earned a high school
20 diploma or obtained a general education devel21 opment certificate in the United States; or

(B) the effective date of the interim regu-lations under subsection (d).

24 (6) SUBMISSION OF BIOMETRIC AND BIO25 GRAPHIC DATA.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-

1	rity may not cancel the removal of an alien or grant
2	conditional nonimmigrant status to the alien under
3	this subsection unless the alien submits biometric
4	and biographic data, in accordance with procedures
5	established by the Secretary. The Secretary shall
6	provide an alternative procedure for applicants who
7	are unable to provide such biometric or biographic
8	data because of a physical impairment.
9	(7) Background Checks.—
10	(A) REQUIREMENT FOR BACKGROUND
11	CHECKS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security
12	shall utilize biometric, biographic, and other
13	data that the Secretary determines is appro-
14	priate—
15	(i) to conduct security and law en-
16	forcement background checks of an alien
17	seeking relief available under this sub-
18	section; and
19	(ii) to determine whether there is any
20	criminal, national security, or other factor
21	that would render the alien ineligible for
22	such relief.
23	(B) COMPLETION OF BACKGROUND
24	CHECKS.—The security and law enforcement
25	background checks required by subparagraph

(A) shall be completed, to the satisfaction of the Secretary, prior to the date the Secretary cancels the removal of the alien under this subsection.

5 (8) MEDICAL EXAMINATION.—An alien applying 6 for relief available under this subsection shall under-7 go a medical observation and examination. The Sec-8 retary of Homeland Security, with the concurrence 9 of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 shall prescribe policies and procedures for the nature 11 and timing of such observation and examination.

(9) MILITARY SELECTIVE SERVICE.—An alien
applying for relief available under this subsection
shall establish that the alien has registered under
the Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. App.
451 et seq.), if the alien is subject to such registration under that Act.

(b) TERMINATION OF CONTINUOUS PERIOD.—For
purposes of this section, any period of continuous residence or continuous physical presence in the United States
of an alien who applies for cancellation of removal under
subsection (a) shall not terminate when the alien is served
a notice to appear under section 239(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229(a)).

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1 (c) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN BREAKS IN PRES-2 ENCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An alien shall be considered
to have failed to maintain continuous physical presence in the United States under subsection (a) if the
alien has departed from the United States for any
period in excess of 90 days or for any periods in the
aggregate exceeding 180 days.

9 (2)EXTENSIONS FOR EXCEPTIONAL CIR-10 CUMSTANCES.—The Secretary of Homeland Security 11 may extend the time periods described in paragraph 12 (1) if the alien demonstrates that the failure to time-13 ly return to the United States was due to excep-14 tional circumstances. The exceptional circumstances 15 determined sufficient to justify an extension should 16 be no less compelling than serious illness of the 17 alien, or death or serious illness of a parent, grand-18 parent, sibling, or child.

19 (d) REGULATIONS.—

20 (1) INITIAL PUBLICATION.—Not later than 180
21 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
22 Secretary of Homeland Security shall publish regula23 tions implementing this section.

24 (2) INTERIM REGULATIONS.—Notwithstanding
25 section 553 of title 5, United States Code, the regu-

1 lations required by paragraph (1) shall be effective, 2 on an interim basis, immediately upon publication 3 but may be subject to change and revision after pub-4 lic notice and opportunity for a period of public com-5 ment. 6 (3) FINAL REGULATIONS.—Within a reasonable 7 time after publication of the interim regulations in accordance with paragraph (1), the Secretary of 8 9 Homeland Security shall publish final regulations 10 implementing this section. 11 (e) REMOVAL OF ALIEN.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may not remove any alien who-12 13 (1) has a pending application for conditional 14 nonimmigrant status under this Act; and 15 (2) establishes prima facie eligibility for can-16 cellation of removal and conditional nonimmigrant 17 status under subsection (a). 18 SEC. 5. CONDITIONAL NONIMMIGRANT STATUS. 19 (a) LENGTH OF STATUS.—Conditional nonimmigrant 20status granted under section 4 shall be valid for an initial 21 period of 5 years, subject to termination under subsection 22 (c) of this section. 23 (b) TERMS OF CONDITIONAL NONIMMIGRANT STA-24 TUS.—

1	(1) Employment.—A conditional non-
2	immigrant shall be authorized—
3	(A) to be employed in the United States
4	incident to conditional nonimmigrant status;
5	and
6	(B) to enlist in the armed forces as pro-
7	vided in 504(b)(1)(D) of title 10, United States
8	Code, as added by section 12.
9	(2) TRAVEL.—A conditional nonimmigrant may
10	travel outside the United States and may be admit-
11	ted (if otherwise admissible) upon return to the
12	United States without having to obtain a visa if—
13	(A) the alien is the bearer of valid, unex-
14	pired documentary evidence of conditional non-
15	immigrant status; and
16	(B) the alien's absence from the United
17	States was not for a period exceeding 180 days
18	or the alien was absent from the United States
19	due to active service in the armed forces.
20	(c) TERMINATION OF STATUS.—
21	(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
22	Security shall terminate the conditional non-
23	immigrant status of any alien if the Secretary deter-
24	mines that the alien—

1	(A) failed to enlist, and be accepted for en-
2	listment, in the armed forces within 9 months
3	after the date on which the alien was granted
4	conditional nonimmigrant status;
5	(B) ceases to meet the requirements of
6	subparagraph (B) or (C) of section $4(a)(1)$;
7	(C) has become a public charge; or
8	(D) has received a dishonorable or other
9	than honorable discharge from the armed
10	forces.
11	(2) Return to previous immigration sta-
12	TUS.—Any alien whose conditional nonimmigrant
13	status is terminated under paragraph (1) shall re-
14	turn to the immigration status the alien had imme-
15	diately prior to receiving conditional nonimmigrant
16	status.
17	(d) EXTENSION OF STATUS.—
18	(1) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary of Homeland
19	Security shall extend the conditional nonimmigrant
20	status of an alien for a second period of 5 years if
21	the following requirements are met:
22	(A) The alien has demonstrated good
23	moral character during the entire period the
24	alien has been a conditional nonimmigrant.

(B) The alien is in compliance with section
(_)
4(a)(1)(C).
(C) The alien has not abandoned the
alien's residence in the United States. For pur-
poses of this subparagraph—
(i) the Secretary shall presume that
the alien has abandoned such residence if
the alien is absent from the United States
for more than 365 days, in the aggregate,
during the period of conditional non-
immigrant status, unless the alien dem-
onstrates that the alien has not abandoned
the alien's residence; and
(ii) an alien who is absent from the
United States due to active service in the
armed forces has not abandoned the alien's
residence in the United States during the
period of such service.
(D) The alien has served as a member of
a regular or reserve component of the armed
forces on active duty for at least 2 years or as
a member of a reserve component of the armed
forces in an active status for at least 4 years,
and, if discharged, received an honorable dis-
charge.

1 (2) SURCHARGE.—The Secretary of Homeland 2 Security shall charge and collect a surcharge of 3 \$2,000 per application on all applications for an ex-4 tension under this subsection. Such surcharge shall 5 be in addition to the otherwise applicable application 6 fee imposed for the purpose of recovering the full 7 costs of providing adjudication and processing serv-8 ices. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in-9 cluding section 286 of the Immigration and Nation-10 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356), any surcharge collected 11 under this paragraph shall be deposited as offsetting 12 receipts in the General Fund of the Treasury and 13 shall not be available for obligation or expenditure. 14 SEC. 6. ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—A conditional nonimmigrant may file with the Secretary of Homeland Security, in accord-16 17 ance with subsection (c), an application to have the alien's 18 status adjusted to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence. The application shall provide, under 19 20 penalty of perjury, the facts and information so that the 21 Secretary may make the determination described in para-22 graph (b)(1).

23 (b) Adjudication of Application for Adjust-24 Ment of Status.—

1	(1) IN GENERAL.—If an application is filed in
2	accordance with subsection (a) for an alien, the Sec-
3	retary of Homeland Security shall make a deter-
4	mination as to whether the alien meets the require-
5	ments set out in paragraphs (1) through (4) of sub-
6	section (d).
7	(2) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS IF FAVORABLE
8	DETERMINATION.—If the Secretary determines that
9	the alien meets such requirements, the Secretary
10	shall notify the alien of such determination and ad-
11	just the alien's status to that of an alien lawfully ad-
12	mitted for permanent residence, effective as of the
13	date of approval of the application.
14	(3) TERMINATION IF ADVERSE DETERMINA-
15	TION.—If the Secretary determines that the alien
16	does not meet such requirements, the Secretary shall
17	notify the alien of such determination and terminate
18	the conditional nonimmigrant status of the alien as

19 of the date of the determination.

20 (c) TIME TO FILE APPLICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An alien shall file an application for adjustment of status during the period—
(A) beginning on the date on which the
alien obtained an extension of status under sec-

25 tion 5(d); and

(B) ending on either the date that is 10 1 2 years after the date of the initial grant of con-3 ditional nonimmigrant status or any other expi-4 ration date of the conditional nonimmigrant 5 status as extended by the Secretary of Home-6 land Security in accordance with this Act. 7 (2) STATUS DURING PENDENCY.—The alien 8 shall be deemed to be in conditional nonimmigrant 9 status in the United States during the period in 10 which such application is pending. 11 (d) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—Each application 12 for an alien under subsection (a) shall contain information 13 to permit the Secretary of Homeland Security to determine whether each of the following requirements is met: 14 15 (1) The alien has demonstrated good moral 16 character during the entire period the alien has been 17 a conditional nonimmigrant. 18 (2) The alien is in compliance with section 19 4(a)(1)(C). 20 (3) The alien has not abandoned the alien's res-21 idence in the United States. For purposes of this 22 paragraph-23 (A) the Secretary shall presume that the 24 alien has abandoned such residence if the alien 25 is absent from the United States for more than

1	730 days, in the aggregate, during the period of
2	conditional nonimmigrant status, unless the
3	alien demonstrates that the alien has not aban-
4	doned the alien's residence; and
5	(B) an alien who is absent from the United
6	States due to active service in the armed forces
7	has not abandoned the alien's residence in the
8	United States during the period of such service.
9	(e) Citizenship Requirement.—
10	(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
11	graph (2), the status of a conditional nonimmigrant
12	shall not be adjusted to permanent resident status
13	unless the alien demonstrates that the alien satisfies
14	the requirements of section 312(a) of the Immigra-
15	tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1423(a)).
16	(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not
17	apply to an alien who is unable because of a physical
18	or developmental disability or mental impairment to
19	meet the requirements of such paragraph.
20	(f) PAYMENT OF FEDERAL TAXES.—
21	(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the date on
22	which an application is filed under subsection (a) for
23	adjustment of status, the alien shall satisfy any ap-
24	plicable Federal tax liability due and owing on such
25	date.

1 (2) Applicable federal tax liability.— 2 For purposes of paragraph (1), the term "applicable Federal tax liability" means liability for Federal 3 4 taxes imposed under the Internal Revenue Code of 5 1986, including any penalties and interest thereon. 6 (g) SUBMISSION OF BIOMETRIC AND BIOGRAPHIC 7 DATA.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may not ad-8 just the status of an alien under this section unless the 9 alien submits biometric and biographic data, in accordance 10 with procedures established by the Secretary. The Secretary shall provide an alternative procedure for applicants 11 12 who are unable to provide such biometric or biographic 13 data because of a physical impairment.

14 (h) BACKGROUND CHECKS.—

(1) REQUIREMENT FOR BACKGROUND
CHECKS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall
utilize biometric, biographic, and other data that the
Secretary determines appropriate—

19 (A) to conduct security and law enforce20 ment background checks of an alien applying
21 for adjustment of status under this section; and

(B) to determine whether there is any
criminal, national security, or other factor that
would render the alien ineligible for such adjustment of status.

(2) COMPLETION OF BACKGROUND CHECKS.—
 The security and law enforcement background
 checks required by paragraph (1) shall be completed,
 to the satisfaction of the Secretary, prior to the date
 the Secretary grants adjustment of status.

6 (i) EXEMPTION FROM NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—
7 Nothing in this section or in any other law may be con8 strued to apply a numerical limitation on the number of
9 aliens who may be eligible for adjustment of status under
10 this section.

11 (j) ELIGIBILITY FOR NATURALIZATION.—An alien 12 whose status is adjusted under this section to that of an 13 alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence may be naturalized upon compliance with all the requirements of 14 15 the immigration laws except the provisions of paragraph 16 (1) of section 316(a) of the Immigration and Nationality 17 Act (8 U.S.C. 1427(a)), if such person immediately pre-18 ceding the date of filing the application for naturalization 19 has resided continuously, after being lawfully admitted for 20 permanent residence, within the United States for at least 21 3 years, and has been physically present in the United 22 States for periods totaling at least half of that time and 23 has resided within the State or the district of U.S. Citizen-24 ship and Immigration Services in the United States in 25 which the applicant filed the application for at least 3

months. An alien described in this subsection may file the
 application for naturalization as provided in the second
 sentence of subsection (a) of section 334 of the Immigra tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1445).

5 SEC. 7. TREATMENT OF ALIENS MEETING REQUIREMENTS 6 FOR EXTENSION OF CONDITIONAL NON7 IMMIGRANT STATUS.

8 If, on the date of the enactment of this Act, an alien 9 has satisfied all the requirements of section 4(a)(1) and 10 section 5(d)(1)(D), the Secretary of Homeland Security may cancel removal and grant conditional nonimmigrant 11 12 status in accordance with section 4, and may extend condi-13 tional nonimmigrant status in accordance with section 5(d). The alien may apply for adjustment of status in ac-14 15 cordance with section 6(a) if the alien has met the requirements of subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of section 16 17 5(d)(1) during the entire period of conditional non-18 immigrant status.

19 SEC. 8. EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine eligibility for relief under this Act, except where the alien has been placed into deportation, exclusion, or removal proceedings either prior to or after filing an application for cancellation of removal and conditional nonimmigrant status or adjustment of sta1 tus under this Act, in which case the Attorney General 2 shall have exclusive jurisdiction and shall assume all the 3 powers and duties of the Secretary until proceedings are 4 terminated, or if a final order of deportation, exclusion, 5 or removal is entered the Secretary shall resume all powers and duties delegated to the Secretary under this Act. If 6 7 the Secretary grants relief under this Act, the final order 8 of deportation, exclusion, or removal shall be terminated.

9 SEC. 9. PENALTIES FOR FALSE STATEMENTS.

10 Whoever files an application for any benefit under this Act and willfully and knowingly falsifies, misrepre-11 12 sents, or conceals a material fact or makes any false or 13 fraudulent statement or representation, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to con-14 15 tain any false or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined in accordance with title 18, United States Code, im-16 17 prisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

18 SEC. 10. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.

(a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection(b), no officer or employee of the United States may—

(1) use the information furnished by an individual pursuant to an application filed under this
Act to initiate removal proceedings against any person identified in the application;

1 (2) make any publication whereby the informa-2 tion furnished by any particular individual pursuant 3 to an application under this Act can be identified; or 4 (3) permit anyone other than an officer or em-5 ployee of the United States Government or, in the 6 case of an application filed under this Act with a 7 designated entity, that designated entity, to examine 8 such application filed under this Act. 9 (b) REQUIRED DISCLOSURE.—The Attorney General 10 or the Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide the information furnished under this Act, and any other infor-11 mation derived from such furnished information, to-12 13 (1) a Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforce-14 ment agency, intelligence agency, national security 15 agency, component of the Department of Homeland 16 Security, court, or grand jury in connection with a 17 criminal investigation or prosecution, a background 18 check conducted pursuant to the Brady Handgun

18 check conducted pursuant to the Brady Handgun
19 Violence Protection Act (Public Law 103–159; 107
20 Stat. 1536) or an amendment made by that Act, or
21 for homeland security or national security purposes,
22 if such information is requested by such entity or
23 consistent with an information sharing agreement or
24 mechanism; or

(2) an official coroner for purposes of affirma tively identifying a deceased individual (whether or
 not such individual is deceased as a result of a
 crime).

5 (c) FRAUD IN APPLICATION PROCESS OR CRIMINAL 6 CONDUCT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this 7 section, information concerning whether an alien seeking 8 relief under this Act has engaged in fraud in an applica-9 tion for such relief or at any time committed a crime may 10 be used or released for immigration enforcement, law en-11 forcement, or national security purposes.

(d) PENALTY.—Whoever knowingly uses, publishes,
or permits information to be examined in violation of this
section shall be fined not more than \$10,000.

15 SEC. 11. TREATMENT OF CONDITIONAL NONIMMIGRANTS 16 FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—An individual granted conditional
18 nonimmigrant status under this Act shall, while such indi19 vidual remains in such status, be considered lawfully
20 present for all purposes except—

(1) section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code
of 1986 (concerning premium tax credits), as added
by section 1401 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111–148); and

(2) section 1402 of the Patient Protection and
 Affordable Care Act (concerning reduced cost shar ing; 42 U.S.C. 18071).

4 (b) FOR PURPOSES OF THE 5-YEAR ELIGIBILITY 5 WAITING PERIOD UNDER PRWORA.—An individual who has met the requirements under this Act for adjustment 6 7 from conditional nonimmigrant status to lawful perma-8 nent resident status shall be considered, as of the date 9 of such adjustment, to have completed the 5-year period 10 specified in section 403 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 11 12 1613).

13 SEC. 12. MILITARY ENLISTMENT.

Section 504(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is
amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(D) An alien who is a conditional nonimmigrant (as that term is defined in section 3 of
the Adjusted Residency for Military Service Act).".

20 **SEC. 13. GAO REPORT.**

Not later than 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United
States shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of
the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the
House of Representatives a report setting forth—

1	(1) the number of aliens who were eligible for
2	cancellation of removal and grant of conditional non-
3	immigrant status under section 4(a);
4	(2) the number of aliens who applied for can-
5	cellation of removal and grant of conditional non-
6	immigrant status under section 4(a);
7	(3) the number of aliens who were granted con-
8	ditional nonimmigrant status under section 4(a);
9	and
10	(4) the number of aliens whose status was ad-
11	justed to that of an alien lawfully admitted for per-
12	manent residence under section 6.

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