

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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For the relief of Liu Xia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

For the relief of Liu Xia.

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 LIU XIA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)
5 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality
6 Act (8 U.S.C. 1151), Liu Xia shall be eligible for issuance
7 of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that
8 of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence
9 upon filing an application for issuance of an immigrant
10 visa under section 204 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1154) or
11 for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident.

1 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Liu Xia enters the
2 United States before the filing deadline specified in sub-
3 section (c), Liu Xia shall be considered to have entered
4 and remained lawfully in the United States and shall be
5 eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of the
6 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255) as of
7 the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 (c) APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES.—Sub-
9 sections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the application for
10 the issuance of an immigrant visa or the application for
11 adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees not
12 later than the later of—

13 (1) 2 years after the date of the enactment of
14 this Act; or

15 (2) 2 years after the date on which Liu Xia is
16 released from incarceration or travel restriction im-
17 posed by the People’s Republic of China.

18 (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBERS.—
19 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-
20 idence to Liu Xia, the Secretary of State shall instruct
21 the proper officer to reduce by 1, during the current or
22 next following fiscal year—

23 (1) the total number of immigrant visas that
24 are made available to natives of the country of birth

1 of Liu Xia under section 203(a) of the Immigration
2 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(a)); or
3 (2) if applicable, the total number of immigrant
4 visas that are made available to natives of the coun-
5 try of birth of Liu Xia under section 202(e) of such
6 Act (8 U.S.C. 1152(e)).