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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To render certain military spouses eligible for adjustment of status.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SOTO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

To render certain military spouses eligible for adjustment
of status.

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 the “Protect Patriot
5 Spouses Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS FOR CERTAIN MILITARY**
2 **SPOUSES.**

3 Section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
4 (8 U.S.C. 1255) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(n)(1) In applying this section to an alien described
7 in paragraph (2)—

8 “(A) such alien shall be deemed, for purposes
9 of subsection (a), to have been inspected and admit-
10 ted into the United States; and

11 “(B) in determining the alien’s admissibility as
12 an immigrant—

13 “(i) paragraphs (6)(A), (7)(A), and (9)(B)
14 of section 212(a) shall not apply; and

15 “(ii) the Secretary of Homeland Security,
16 in the discretion of the Secretary, may waive
17 the application of paragraphs (6)(C), (9)(A),
18 and (9)(C) of section 212(a) if the alien estab-
19 lishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary that
20 the alien does not pose a threat to the public
21 and has not committed any criminal offenses in
22 violation of Federal or State law unrelated to
23 the alien’s status.

24 “(2) An alien is described in this paragraph if the
25 alien—

1 “(A) is or was the spouse of a United States
2 citizen who—

3 “(i) is or was serving on active duty in the
4 United States Armed Forces or in a reserve
5 component of the United States Armed Forces;
6 and

7 “(ii) if discharged or released from service
8 in the Armed Forces, was discharged or re-
9 leased under honorable conditions; and

10 “(B) is the beneficiary of a petition for classi-
11 fication under section 204(a)(1)(A) as an immediate
12 relative (as defined in section 201(b)) by reason of
13 the marriage to such citizen.”.