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H. R. 631

For the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 16, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

For the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar.

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 ARPITA**
4 **KURDEKAR, GIRISH KURDEKAR, AND**
5 **VANDANA KURDEKAR.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)
7 and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality
8 Act, Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana
9 Kurdekar shall each be eligible for issuance of an immi-
10 grant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien
11 lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon filing an

1 application for issuance of an immigrant visa under sec-
2 tion 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to lawful
3 permanent resident.

4 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Arpita Kurdekar,
5 Girish Kurdekar, or Vandana Kurdekar enters the United
6 States before the filing deadline specified in subsection (c),
7 he or she shall be considered to have entered and remained
8 lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible for ad-
9 justment of status under section 245 of the Immigration
10 and Nationality Act as of the date of the enactment of
11 this Act.

12 (c) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF
13 FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the ap-
14 plication for issuance of an immigrant visa or the applica-
15 tion for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees
16 within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—
18 Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent res-
19 idence to Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana
20 Kurdekar, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper
21 officer to reduce by 3, during the current or next following
22 fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas that are
23 made available to natives of the country of the aliens' birth
24 under section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality
25 Act or, if applicable, the total number of immigrant visas

1 that are made available to natives of the country of the
2 aliens' birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

3 (e) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION
4 TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural
5 parents, brothers, and sisters of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish
6 Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar shall not, by virtue of
7 such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or sta-
8 tus under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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