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110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for relief to surviving spouses and children.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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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. RELIEF FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The second sentence of section
5 201(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act
6 (8 U.S.C. 1151 (b)(2)(A)(i)) is amended by inserting “(or
7 if, married for less than two years at the time of the citi-
8 zen’s death, an alien who proves by a preponderance of
9 the evidence that the marriage was entered into in good

1 faith and not solely for the purpose of obtaining an immi-
2 gration benefit)” after “for at least two years at the time
3 of the citizen’s death”.

4 (b) APPLICABILITY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by
6 subsection (a) shall apply to all applications and pe-
7 titions relating to immediate relative status under
8 section 201(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Na-
9 tionality Act pending on or after the date of the en-
10 actment of this Act.

11 (2) OTHER SPOUSES.— In the case of an alien
12 who would be considered, by reason of the amend-
13 ment made by subsection (a), to remain an imme-
14 diate relative after the date of their citizen spouse’s
15 death if the alien had filed a petition under section
16 204(a)(1)(A)(ii) of such Act within 2 years after
17 such date, but who did not file within such period,
18 the alien shall have 2 years after the date of the en-
19 actment of this Act to file such petition notwith-
20 standing any other provision of law.