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To provide relief for the sheep-raising industry by making special quota immigration visas available to certain alien sheepherders.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for a period of one year after the effective date of this Act, in any case in which the Attorney General, under the authority of the fourth proviso to section 3 of the Immigration Act of 1917 (U. S. C., title 8, sec. 136), grants permission for the importation of a skilled sheepherder into the United States and the investigation of the application for such importation discloses that—

(1) the employment offered such skilled sheepherder is permanent, and

(2) no immigration quota number of the country of which such alien sheepherder is a national is then available,

a special immigration visa may be issued to such alien sheepherder as provided in this Act: Provided, That such alien sheepherder is otherwise admissible into the United States for permanent residence.

Sec. 2. The Attorney General shall certify to the Secretary of State the name and address of every skilled sheepherder for which an application for importation under the fourth proviso to section 3 of the Immigration Act of 1917 has been approved. If a quota number is not then available for such alien sheepherder, the proper consular officer may issue a special quota immigration visa to such alien sheepherder. Upon the issuance of such visa the proper quota-control officer shall deduct one number from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available: Provided, That not more than 50 per centum of any quota shall be deducted under the provisions of this Act in any given fiscal year.

Sec. 3. (a) There shall not be issued more than two hundred and fifty special quota immigration visas under this Act.

(b) Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed as increasing the immigration quota of any country or of altering the requirements for admission of aliens into the United States.

Approved June 30, 1950.