

[CHAPTER 783]

AN ACT

To amend subsection (c) of section 19 of the Immigration Act of 1917, as amended, and for other purposes.

July 1, 1948
[H. R. 3566]

[Public Law 863]

Immigration Act of 1917, amendment.

Deportable aliens of good character.

Report to Congress.

Cancellation of deportation proceedings.

Recording alien's admission for permanent residence.

Quota deduction.

43 Stat. 160.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (c) of section 19 of the Immigration Act of February 5, 1917, as amended (54 Stat. 671; 56 Stat. 1044; 8 U. S. C. 155 (c)), is further amended to read as follows:

“(c) In the case of any alien (other than one to whom subsection (d) is applicable) who is deportable under any law of the United States and who has proved good moral character for the preceding five years, the Attorney General may (1) permit such alien to depart the United States to any country of his choice at his own expense, in lieu of deportation; or (2) suspend deportation of such alien if he is not ineligible for naturalization or if ineligible, such ineligibility is solely by reason of his race, if he finds (a) that such deportation would result in serious economic detriment to a citizen or legally resident alien who is the spouse, parent, or minor child of such deportable alien; or (b) that such alien has resided continuously in the United States for seven years or more and is residing in the United States upon the effective date of this Act. If the deportation of any alien is suspended under the provisions of this subsection for more than six months, a complete and detailed statement of the facts and pertinent provisions of law in the case shall be reported to the Congress with the reasons for such suspension. These reports shall be submitted on the 1st and 15th day of each calendar month in which Congress is in session. If during the session of the Congress at which a case is reported, or prior to the close of the session of the Congress next following the session at which a case is reported, the Congress passes a concurrent resolution stating in substance that it favors the suspension of such deportation, the Attorney General shall cancel deportation proceedings. If prior to the close of the session of the Congress next following the session at which a case is reported, the Congress does not pass such a concurrent resolution, the Attorney General shall thereupon deport such alien in the manner provided by law. Deportation proceedings shall not be canceled in the case of any alien who was not legally admitted for permanent residence at the time of his last entry into the United States, unless such alien pays the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization a fee of \$18 (which fee shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts). Upon the cancellation of such proceedings in any case in which fee has been paid the Commissioner shall record the alien's admission for permanent residence as of the date of his last entry into the United States and the Secretary of State shall, if the alien was a quota immigrant at the time of entry and was not charged to the appropriate quota, reduce by one the immigration quota of the country of the alien's nationality as defined in section 12 of the Act of May 26, 1924 (U. S. C., title 8, sec. 212), for the fiscal year then current at the time of cancellation or the next following year in which a quota is available: *Provided*, That no quota shall be reduced by more than 50 per centum in any fiscal year.”

Approved July 1, 1948.

[CHAPTER 784]

AN ACT

To amend the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, and for other purposes.

July 1, 1948
[S. 2790]

[Public Law 864]

Federal National Mortgage Association.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title III of the