

for the repair or replacement of bulk fuel storage tanks in Alaska that are not in compliance with applicable—

- (1) Federal law, including the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (104 Stat. 484); or
- (2) State law.

SEC. 308. EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act shall not apply to the Commission.

SEC. 309. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Commission to carry out the duties of the Commission consistent with the purposes of this title and pursuant to the work plan approved under section 4 under this Act, \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003

(b) **AVAILABILITY.**—Any sums appropriated under the authorization contained in this section shall remain available until expended.

American
Competitiveness
and Workforce
Improvement Act
of 1998.

TITLE IV—AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS AND WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT ACT

SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS; AMENDMENTS TO IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.

8 USC 1101 note.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This title may be cited as the “American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of this title is as follows:

Sec. 401. Short title; table of contents; amendments to Immigration and Nationality Act.

SUBTITLE A—PROVISIONS RELATING TO H-1B NONIMMIGRANTS

Sec. 411. Temporary increase in access to temporary skilled personnel under H-1B program.

Sec. 412. Protection against displacement of United States workers in case of H-1B-dependent employers.

Sec. 413. Changes in enforcement and penalties.

Sec. 414. Collection and use of H-1B nonimmigrant fees for scholarships for low-income math, engineering, and computer science students and job training of United States workers.

Sec. 415. Computation of prevailing wage level.

Sec. 416. Improving count of H-1B and H-2B nonimmigrants.

Sec. 417. Report on older workers in the information technology field.

Sec. 418. Report on high technology labor market needs; reports on economic impact of increase in H-1B nonimmigrants.

SUBTITLE B—SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN NATO CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Sec. 421. Special immigrant status for certain NATO civilian employees.

SUBTITLE C—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION

Sec. 431. Academic honoraria.

(c) **AMENDMENTS TO IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.**—Except as otherwise specifically provided in this title, whenever in this title an amendment is expressed in terms of an amendment to a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to that section or other provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

International Military Headquarters' set up pursuant to the North Atlantic Treaty, or as a dependent); and

“(iii) to the Immigration Technical Corrections Act of 1988 or to the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 were a reference to the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998.”.

(b) CONFORMING NONIMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN PARENTS OF SPECIAL IMMIGRANT CHILDREN.—Section 101(a)(15)(N) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(N)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(or under analogous authority under paragraph (27)(L))” after “(27)(I)(i)”; and

(2) by inserting “(or under analogous authority under paragraph (27)(L))” after “(27)(I)”.

SUBTITLE C—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION

SEC. 431. ACADEMIC HONORARIA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 212 (8 U.S.C. 1182), as amended by section 415, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(q) Any alien admitted under section 101(a)(15)(B) may accept an honorarium payment and associated incidental expenses for a usual academic activity or activities (lasting not longer than 9 days at any single institution), as defined by the Attorney General in consultation with the Secretary of Education, if such payment is offered by an institution or organization described in subsection (p)(1) and is made for services conducted for the benefit of that institution or entity and if the alien has not accepted such payment or expenses from more than 5 institutions or organizations in the previous 6-month period.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to activities occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act. 8 USC 1182 note.

TITLE V—SALTON SEA FEASIBILITY STUDY

(a) IN GENERAL.—No later than January 1, 2000, the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with this section, shall complete all feasibility studies and cost analyses for the options set forth in subsection (b)(2)(A) necessary for Congress to fully evaluate such options.

(b) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—

(A) The Secretary shall complete all studies, including, but not limited to environmental and other reviews, of the feasibility and benefit-cost of various options that permit the continued use of the Salton Sea as a reservoir for irrigation drainage and (1) reduce and stabilize the overall salinity of the Salton Sea, (2) stabilize the surface elevation of the Salton Sea, (3) reclaim, in the long term, healthy fish and wildlife resources and their habitats, and (4) enhance the potential for recreational uses and economic development of the Salton Sea.

(B) Based solely on whatever information is available at the time of submission of the report, the Secretary shall (1) identify any options he deems economically feasible and cost effective, (2) identify any additional