AMENDMENT NO. 1447

Purpose: To clarify the national security and law enforcement clearances required for an alien to be granted registered provisional immigrant status and to require such clearances to be paid for with the processing fees collected from applicants for registered provisional immigrant status.

Viz:

1. Beginning on page 967, strike line 22 and all that follows through page 968, line 8, and insert the following:

   
   "(C) CLEARANCES AND OTHER PRE-REQUISITES.—

   "(i) IN GENERAL.—Before any alien may be granted registered provisional immigrant status, the Secretary shall—

   "(I) enable all aliens applying for such status to file applications electronically;"
“(II) ensure that in addition to
the submission of biometric and bio-
graphic data under subparagraph (A),
an alien applying for such status sub-
mits to national security and law en-
forcement clearances, which shall be
paid for with the fees collected under
paragraph (10)(A) and shall include—

“(aa) a State and local
criminal background check
through the National Law En-
forcement Telecommunication
System, including the exchange
of interstate driver license
photos, if available;

“(bb) a fingerprint check by
the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
tion;

“(cc) verification that the
alien is not listed on the consoli-
dated terrorist watch list of the
Federal Government;

“(dd) screening by the Of-
lice of Biometric and Identity
Management (formerly known as ‘US-VISIT’); and

“(ee) a check against the TECS system (formerly known as the ‘Treasury Enforcement Communications System’);

“(III) ensure that an official of the agency performing each such clearance documents the results of the clearance; and

“(IV) establish procedures to ensure that a minimum of 5 percent of the aggregate pool of applicants for registered provisional immigrant status at any time are randomly selected for interviews.

“(ii) ADDITIONAL SECURITY SCREENING.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State and other inter-agency partners, shall conduct an additional security screening upon determining, in the Secretary’s opinion based upon information related to national security, that an alien or alien dependent spouse or child is or was a citizen or long-term resident of
a region or country known to pose a threat, or that contains groups or organizations that pose a threat, to the national security of the United States.”.

On page 971, line 20, insert “clearances, and other prerequisites required under paragraph (8)(C),” after “checks,”.