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Public Law 104-193

104th Congress

An Act

To provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997. <<NOTE: Aug. 22, 1996 - [H.R. 3734]>>

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress <<NOTE: Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.>> assembled,

SECTION 1. <<NOTE: 42 USC 1305 note.>> SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ``Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996''.

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SEC. 432. <<NOTE: 8 USC 1642.>> VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR
FEDERAL
PUBLIC
BENEFITS.

(a) In General.--Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General of the United States, after consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall promulgate regulations requiring verification that a person applying for a Federal public benefit (as defined in section 401(c)), to which the limitation under section 401 applies, is a qualified alien and is eligible to receive such benefit. Such regulations shall, to the extent feasible, require that information requested and exchanged be similar in form and manner to information requested and exchanged under section 1137 of the Social Security Act.

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(b) State Compliance.--Not later than 24 months after the date the regulations described in subsection (a) are adopted, a State that administers a program that provides a Federal public benefit shall have in effect a verification system that complies with the regulations.

(c) Authorization of Appropriations.--There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this section.