

OBAMA'S BAD POLICY DECISION REGARDING CUBA - IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY PREPARED TO ASSIST

President Obama terminated the 22 years old policy that allowed Cubans who arrived on U.S. soil, without visas, to remain in the country to gain legal residency.

Based on President Obama's decision, Cuban nationals who attempt to arrive illegally and do not qualify for humanitarian relief, are subject to removal.

This is a repeal of a policy unique to Cuba, which required Cubans caught at sea to return home, yet those who make it onto American soil to stay and eventually apply for legal, permanent residency.

The change in policy reverses the Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966, which assumed Cubans were political refugees who needed protection, and allowed those who remained in the United States for more than a year to become legal residents.

Additionally, the Obama administration is doing away with a 2006 program that allowed medical personnel required by Cuba to study or work in a third country to essentially "defect" to the United States.

The change in the law will have an impact on the necessity for Cuban Americans to now petition on behalf of their relatives, children, parents, brothers and sisters to seek a Green Card to work, and ultimately Permanent Residence and Citizenship in the United States.

Although we do not agree with the change in the law by President Obama, my office is prepared to [assist](#) Cuban-American citizens or Permanent Legal Residents, to file documentation seeking to assist family members with their Residency or Citizenship Requests.