

# ¿Habla Cubano?



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✂ The Cuban Adjustment Act (Public Law 89-732 (CAA) became law on November 2, 1966

- ✂ Commonly called "The Cuban Adjustment Act" or *La Ley de Un Año Y Un Día*.
- ✂ Intended to assist thousands of displaced Cubans who were in the U.S. as parolees or NIVs due to the rise of the Castro regime.
- ✂ The CAA was authored by Sen. Ted Kennedy and signed into law by LBJ in conjunction with the economic & trade embargo.

**"La Ley de Un Año  
Y Un Día" – El ajuste Cubano**



- ✎ The CAA states, “notwithstanding the provisions of section 245(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the status of any alien who is a native or citizen of Cuba”
- ✎ and who has been inspected and admitted or paroled into the United States subsequent to January 1, 1959, and
- ✎ has been physically present in the United States for at least one year, may be adjusted by the [Secretary of Homeland Security or the] Attorney General, in his discretion...”

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### 3 Key Requirements for CAA

#### CAA Requirement 1 of 3:

1. Must be a native or citizen of Cuba.



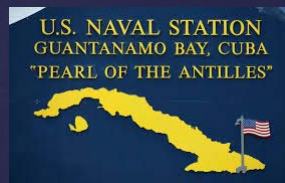
#### Cuban Citizen:

- ✎ Person was born in Cuba & is still a citizen of Cuba.
- ✎ Person born outside of Cuba but who has naturalized as a Cuban citizen.

**“No cojas lucha”:  
Teikitisy**

### Native of Cuba:

- ✂ Born in Cuba, but later became a citizen of another country.
- ✂ Born on the US Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay regardless of recognition by Cuban government as a Cuban citizen and regardless of parents' citizenship (1990 Haitians).



- ✂ Cuban birth certificate
- ✂ Cuban passport
- ✂ Cuban "Carne de Identidad"
- ✂ Cuban Consular Certificate of Citizenship
- ✂ Cuban Civil Registry Document
- ✂ Cuban Consular Certificate demonstrating that the foreign born individual was born to at least one Cuban citizen while abroad. **¡Ay Mama!**



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