What Does That Stand For?

Important immigration law acronyms

BIA = Board of Immigration Appeals
CAA = Cuban Adjustment Act
CBP = Customs and Border Patrol
EAD = employment authorization document/work permit
EOIR = Executive Office of Immigration Review
EWI = entry without inspection
HRIFA = Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act
ICE = Immigration and Customs Enforcement
INA = Immigration and Nationality Act
IIRIRA = Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act
LPR = lawful permanent resident
NACARA = Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act
NVC = National Visa Center
USC = United States citizen
USCIS = United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

USDOS = United States Department of State

VAWA = Violence Against Women Act


VAWA 2000 = Division B of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000

VAWA 2005 = The Violence Against Women Act and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005