Table 10.2
IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT, 1952
Exempt from preference requirements and numerical quotas:
spouses and unmarried minor children of U.S. citizens.
1. Highly skilled immigrants whose services are urgently needed in
the United States and the spouses and children of such
immigrants. 50 percent.
2. Parents of U.S. citizens over age twenty-one and unmarried adult
children of U.S. citizens. 30 percent.
3. Spouses and unmarried adult children of permanent resident
aliens. 20 percent.
4. Brothers, sisters, and married children of U.S. citizens and
accompanying spouses and children. 50 percent of numbers not
required for 1-3.
5. Nonpreference: applicants not entitled to any of the above. 50
percent of the numbers not required for 1-3 above, plus any not
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IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1965
Exempt from preference requirements and numerical quotas:
spouses, unmarried minor children and parents of U.S. citizens.
2. Spouses and unmarried adult children of permanent resident
aliens. 20 percent (25 percent after 1980).
3. Members of the professions and scientists and artists of
exceptional ability. 10 percent requires certification from U.S.
Department of Labor.
6. Skilled and unskilled workers in occupations for which labor is in
short supply in the U.S. 10 percent requires certification from U.S.
Department of Labor.
7. Refugees from communist or communist-dominated countries, or
the Middle East. 6 percent.
8. Nonpreference: applicants not entitled to any of the above. (Since
there are more preference applicants than can be accommodated,
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