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The screenshot shows the Westlaw interface for 8 U.S.C.A. § 1189. On the left, there is a navigation pane with a search bar and various links. The 'Graphical Statutes' link is highlighted. The main content area displays the statute text, including the title '8 U.S.C.A. § 1189' and the text of the statute: 'United States Code Annotated Currentness Title 8. Aliens and Nationality (Refs & Annos) Chapter 12. Immigration and Nationality (Refs & Annos) Subchapter II. Immigration Part II. Admission Qualifications for Aliens; Travel Control of Citizens and Aliens § 1189. Designation of foreign terrorist organizations (a) Designation (1) In general The Secretary is authorized to designate an organization as a foreign terrorist organization in accordance with this subsection if the Secretary finds that-- (A) the organization is a foreign organization; (B) the organization engages in terrorist activity (as defined in section 1182(a)(3)(B) of this title or terrorism (as defined in section 2656f(d)(2) of Title 22), or retains the capability and'.

Figure 1. Graphical Statutes link for 8 U.S.C.A. § 1189

