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# H. R. 126

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to limit citizenship at birth, merely by virtue of birth in the United States, to persons with citizen or legal resident mothers.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mr. GALLEGLY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LIMITING CITIZENSHIP AT BIRTH, MERELY BY**  
4 **VIRTUE OF BIRTH IN THE UNITED STATES,**  
5 **TO PERSONS WITH LEGAL RESIDENT MOTH-**  
6 **ERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 301(a) of the Immigra-  
8 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401(a)) is amended

1 by inserting before the semicolon the following: “, of a  
2 mother who is a citizen or legal resident of the United  
3 States”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
5 subsection (a) shall apply to persons born after the date  
6 of ratification of an article of amendment to the Constitu-  
7 tion of the United States that repeals the first sentence  
8 of section 1 of the fourteenth article of amendment to the  
9 Constitution of the United States.

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