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H. R. 2681

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for naturalization for certain high school graduates.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for naturalization for certain high school graduates.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as—

5 (1) the “People Resolved to Obtain an Under-
6 standing of Democracy Act”; or

7 (2) the “P.R.O.U.D. Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATURALIZATION FOR CERTAIN U.S. HIGH SCHOOL**
2 **GRADUATES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Immigration and
4 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.) is amended by
5 inserting after section 320 the following:

6 **“SEC. 321. CITIZENSHIP FOR CERTAIN U.S. HIGH SCHOOL**
7 **GRADUATES.**

8 “(a) REQUIREMENTS DEEMED SATISFIED.—In the
9 case of an alien described in subsection (b), the alien shall
10 be deemed to have satisfied the requirements of—

11 “(1) section 312(a); and

12 “(2) section 316(a), if the alien sustains the
13 burden of establishing that the alien has been a per-
14 son of good moral character during the 6-year period
15 preceding the date on which the alien submits the
16 application described in subsection (c).

17 “(b) PROVISIONS WAIVED.—In the case of an alien
18 described in subsection (b), the alien shall be eligible for
19 naturalization under this title without regard to the fol-
20 lowing provisions:

21 “(1) Section 318.

22 “(2) The second sentence of section 334(b).

23 “(c) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—An alien is described in
24 this subsection if the alien is under 25 years of age on
25 the date on which the alien submits an application for nat-
26 uralization under section 334 that contains the following:

1 “(1) Transcripts from public or private schools
2 in the United States that demonstrate the following:

3 “(A) The alien completed grades 6 through
4 12 in the United States and was graduated
5 with a high school diploma.

6 “(B) The alien completed a curriculum
7 that reflects knowledge of United States his-
8 tory, Government, and civics.

9 “(2) A copy of the alien’s high school diploma.

10 “(d) REDUCED FEE.—The Secretary of Homeland
11 Security shall reduce the naturalization application fee for
12 an alien described in subsection (b) by 50 percent.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
14 for the Immigration and Nationality Act is amended by
15 inserting after the item relating to section 320 the fol-
16 lowing:

 “Sec. 321. Citizenship for certain U.S. high school graduates.”.

17 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
18 Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this
19 Act and shall apply to applicants for naturalization who
20 apply for naturalization on or after such date.

21 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
22 curity shall promulgate regulations to carry out this Act
23 and the amendments made by this Act not later than 180
24 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.