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To direct that certain Federal financial benefits be provided only to citizens and nationals of the United States.

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Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. STUMP, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. SAXTON, and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and, in addition, the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To direct that certain Federal financial benefits be provided only to citizens and nationals of the United States.

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 the “Federal Benefit Integ-
5 rity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT**
2 **CHILDREN ONLY TO CITIZENS AND NATION-**
3 **ALS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(a) of the Social Secu-
5 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 602(a)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
7 (44);

8 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
9 graph (45) and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by inserting after paragraph (45) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(46) provide that—

13 “(A) aid under the State plan shall not be
14 payable to any family that applies therefor and
15 does not include a citizen or national of the
16 United States; and

17 “(B) the amount of aid payable under the
18 State plan to any family that is a recipient
19 thereof and does not include a citizen or na-
20 tional of the United States shall, notwithstand-
21 ing any other provision of this part, be reduced
22 each year (but not below zero) by a dollar
23 amount equal to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the amount of such aid
24 as of the later of the effective date of this para-
25 graph or the first day the family does not in-
26 clude such a citizen or national.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 subsection (a) shall take effect at the end of the 1-year
3 period that begins with the date of the enactment of this
4 Act, and shall apply to payments under part A of title
5 IV of the Social Security Act for calendar quarters ending
6 after such 1-year period, without regard to whether regu-
7 lations to implement such amendments are promulgated
8 by the end of such 1-year period.

9 **SEC. 3. PROVISION OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME**
10 **BENEFITS ONLY TO CITIZENS AND NATION-**
11 **ALS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1614(a)(1) of the Social
13 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(1)) is amended by strik-
14 ing subparagraph (B)(i) and inserting the following:

15 “(B)(i) is a citizen or national of the United
16 States, or”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1621 of
18 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382j) is hereby repealed.

19 (c) PHASE-OUT OF BENEFITS CURRENTLY PAID TO
20 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT CITIZENS OR NATIONALS.—
21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any individual
22 who, on the date of the enactment of this Act, is not a
23 citizen or national of the United States and is receiving
24 supplemental security income benefits under title XVI of
25 the Social Security Act shall, for purposes of such title,

1 be considered a citizen or national of the United States
2 during the 3-year period that begins with such date of en-
3 actment, except that the benefits to which the individual
4 shall be entitled under such title shall be reduced by $\frac{1}{3}$
5 from the level of such benefits as of such date of enact-
6 ment, each year during such 3-year period.

7 **SEC. 4. USE OF ASSISTED HOUSING BY ALIENS.**

8 Section 214 of the Housing and Community Develop-
9 ment Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 1436a) is amended to read
10 as follows:

11 **“SEC. 214. RESTRICTION ON USE OF ASSISTED HOUSING.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
13 vision of law, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
14 opment may not make financial assistance available for
15 the benefit of any individual after the expiration of the
16 3-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of
17 the Federal Benefit Integrity Act unless the individual is
18 a citizen or national of the United States.

19 “(b) PROHIBITION OF NEW ASSISTANCE.—Notwith-
20 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary of
21 Housing and Urban Development may not make financial
22 assistance available for the benefit of any individual who
23 is not a citizen or national of the United States after the
24 expiration of the 1-year period beginning on the date of
25 the enactment of the Federal Benefit Integrity Act unless

1 such individual is receiving financial assistance on such
2 date.

3 “(c) DEFINITION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—For
4 purposes of this section, the term ‘financial assistance’
5 means financial assistance made available pursuant to the
6 United States Housing Act of 1937, section 235 or 236
7 of the National Housing Act, or section 101 of the Hous-
8 ing and Urban Development Act of 1965.

9 “(d) DISCRETIONARY CONTINUATION OF FINANCIAL
10 ASSISTANCE.—If, following completion of the applicable
11 hearing process, financial assistance for any individual re-
12 ceiving such assistance on the date referred to in sub-
13 section (a) is to be terminated, the public housing agency
14 or other local governmental entity involved (in the case
15 of public housing or assistance under section 8 of the
16 United States Housing Act of 1937) or the Secretary of
17 Housing and Urban Development (in the case of any other
18 financial assistance) may, in its discretion, take one of the
19 following actions:

20 “(1) CONTINUED PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—
21 Permit the continued provision of financial assist-
22 ance, if necessary to avoid the division of a family
23 in which the head of household or spouse is a citizen
24 or national of the United States.

1 “(2) DEFERRED TERMINATION OF ASSIST-
2 ANCE.—Defer the termination of financial assist-
3 ance, if necessary to permit the orderly transition of
4 the individual and any family members involved to
5 other affordable housing, except that—

6 “(A) any deferral under this paragraph
7 shall be for a 6-month period and may be re-
8 newed by the public housing agency or other
9 entity involved for an aggregate period of 3
10 years; and

11 “(B) at the beginning of each deferral pe-
12 riod, the public housing agency or other entity
13 involved shall inform the individual and family
14 members of their ineligibility for financial as-
15 sistance and offer them other assistance in find-
16 ing other affordable housing.

17 For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘family’ means
18 a head of household, any spouse, any parents of the head
19 of household, any parents of the spouse, and any children
20 of the head of household or spouse.

21 “(e) DECLARATION OF CITIZENSHIP.—Financial as-
22 sistance may not be provided for the benefit of an individ-
23 ual unless the following requirements are met:

24 “(1) STATEMENT.—There is a declaration in
25 writing by the individual (or, in the case of an indi-

1 vidual who is a child, by another on the individual's
2 behalf), under penalty of perjury, stating that the
3 individual is a citizen or national of the United
4 States.

5 “(2) DOCUMENTATION.—There is presented
6 such documentation as the Secretary determines
7 constitutes reasonable evidence indicating that the
8 individual is a citizen or national of the United
9 States.”.

10 **SEC. 5. AMENDMENTS TO THE FOOD STAMP ACT OF 1977.**

11 (a) AMENDMENTS.—The Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
12 U.S.C. 2011–2032) is amended—

13 (1) in section 5 by striking subsection (i),

14 (2) in the first sentence of section 6(f) by strik-
15 ing “(2) either” and all that follows through “house-
16 hold.”, and inserting “(2) a citizen or national of the
17 United States.”, and

18 (3) in section 11(e)(2) by striking “either citi-
19 zens or are aliens” and inserting “citizens or nation-
20 als of the United States”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMEND-
22 MENTS.—

23 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take
24 effect 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
25 Act.

1 (2) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The
2 amendments made by subsection (a) shall not apply
3 with respect to certification periods beginning before
4 the effective date of this section.

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