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H. R. 602

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the Attorney General to provide for special consideration concerning the English language requirement with respect to the naturalization of individuals over 65 years of age.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 1997

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION CONCERNING ENG-**
2 **LISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT FOR CER-**
3 **TAIN OLDER INDIVIDUALS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 312(b) of the Immigra-
5 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1423(b)) is amended
6 by adding at the end the following:

7 “(4) The Attorney General, pursuant to regulations,
8 shall provide for special consideration, as determined by
9 the Attorney General, concerning the requirement of sub-
10 section (a)(1) with respect to any person who, on the date
11 of the filing of the person’s application for naturalization
12 as provided in section 334, is over sixty-five years of age
13 and has been living in the United States for periods total-
14 ing at least 5 years subsequent to a lawful admission for
15 permanent residence.”.

16 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
17 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
18 ment of this Act and shall apply to applications for natu-
19 ralization filed on or after such date and to such applica-
20 tions pending on such date.

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