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To assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 14, 2005

Mr. CUMMINGS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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 assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes.

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 “Kendell Frederick Citi-
5 zenship Assistance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT FOR FINGERPRINTS**

7 **FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any
9 regulation, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall use

1 the fingerprints provided by an individual at the time the
2 individual enlists in the Armed Forces to satisfy any re-
3 quirement for fingerprints as part of an application for
4 naturalization if the individual—

5 (1) may be naturalized as provided in section
6 328 or 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
7 (8 U.S.C. 1439 or 1440);

8 (2) was fingerprinted in accordance with the re-
9 quirements of the Department of Defense at the
10 time the individual enlisted in the Armed Forces;
11 and

12 (3) submits an application for naturalization
13 not later than 12 months after the date the indi-
14 vidual enlisted in the Armed Forces.

15 **SEC. 3. PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON NATURALIZATION.**

16 (a) MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—

17 (1) CITIZENSHIP ADVOCATE.—The Secretary of
18 Defense shall establish the position of Citizenship
19 Advocate at each Military Entry Processing Station
20 to provide information on the naturalization process
21 for members of the Armed Forces to such members.
22 An individual appointed as a Citizenship Advocate
23 may be a civilian.

24 (2) WRITTEN MATERIALS.—The Secretary of
25 Defense shall ensure that written information de-

1 scribing the naturalization process for members of
2 the Armed Forces is provided to each individual who
3 is not a citizen of the United States at the time that
4 the individual enlists in the Armed Forces.

5 (b) OTHER INFORMATION.—Not later than 30 days
6 after the date that a modification to the law or regulations
7 related to the naturalization process becomes effective, the
8 Secretary of Homeland Security shall update the appro-
9 priate application form for naturalization, the instructions
10 and guidebook for obtaining naturalization, and the Inter-
11 net website maintained by the Secretary of Homeland Se-
12 curity to reflect such modification.

13 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT.**

14 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
15 States shall conduct a study on the implementation of this
16 Act by Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary
17 of Defense, including studying any technology that may
18 be used to improve the efficiency of the naturalization
19 process for members of the Armed Forces.

20 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
21 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
22 the United States shall submit to Congress a report on
23 the study required by subsection (a). The report shall in-
24 clude any recommendations of the Comptroller General for

- 1 improving the implementation of this Act by the Secretary
- 2 of Homeland Security or the Secretary of Defense.

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