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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Mr. CULBERSON (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. OLSON, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BARLETTA, and Mr. GOHMERT) 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. LIMITATION ON THE NATURALIZATION OF**
2 **ALIENS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, no alien may be naturalized as a citizen of
5 the United States under chapter 2 of title III of the Immi-
6 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.) until
7 such time as the Director of U.S. Immigration and Cus-
8 toms Enforcement completes the digitization of all remain-
9 ing paper-based fingerprint records for inclusion in the
10 Automated Biometric Identification System (IDENT) of
11 the Department of Homeland Security.

12 (b) **PENDING APPLICATIONS.**—Upon the completion
13 of the requirement under subsection (a), the Secretary of
14 Homeland Security shall, prior to naturalizing as a citizen
15 of the United States an alien who has an application for
16 naturalization pending on the date of the enactment of
17 this Act, review the alien’s eligibility for naturalization
18 using the updated Automated Biometric Identification
19 System (IDENT).

20 (c) **REVOCAION OF NATURALIZATION.**—Section 340
21 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1451)
22 is amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(i) In the case that an officer or employee of the
24 Department of Homeland Security has good cause to be-
25 lieve that a naturalized citizen has illegally procured such
26 benefit, or procured such benefit by concealment of a ma-

1 terial fact or by willful misrepresentation, including being
2 subject to a final deportation order, whether under the
3 current identity or under another identity of that indi-
4 vidual, such officer or employee shall prepare an affidavit
5 described in subsection (a) and submit such affidavit to
6 the appropriate United States attorney described in that
7 subsection. Upon receipt of such an affidavit, such United
8 States attorney shall institute the proceedings described
9 in subsection (a).”.

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