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# H. R. 2759

To establish naturalization offices at initial military training sites.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VARGAS (for himself, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CORREA, Mr. VELA, and Mr. EVANS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Naturalization At  
5 Training Sites Act of 2017” or the “NATS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF NATURALIZATION OF-**  
7 **FICES AT INITIAL MILITARY TRAINING SITES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, and the  
9 Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast

1 Guard, shall establish a naturalization office at each initial  
2 military training site of the Armed Forces.

3 (b) OUTREACH.—The Secretary concerned shall take  
4 steps to identify members of the Armed Forces who are  
5 not citizens of the United States and to inform such mem-  
6 bers of the availability and services of a naturalization of-  
7 fice at initial military training sites.

8 (c) TRAINED PERSONNEL.—The Secretary concerned  
9 shall retain trained personnel at a naturalization office at  
10 an initial military training site to provide services to mem-  
11 bers of the Armed Forces who are not citizens of the  
12 United States.

13 (d) ASSIGNMENT PREFERENCE.—Pending the estab-  
14 lishment of a naturalization office at all initial military  
15 training sites, the Secretary concerned, to the extent prac-  
16 ticable, shall assign a new member of the Armed Forces  
17 who is not a citizen of the United States to an initial mili-  
18 tary training site that has a naturalization office.

19 (e) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this sec-  
20 tion, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning  
21 given that term in section 101(a) of title 10, United States  
22 Code.

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