

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6223

AN ACT

To amend section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 to clarify that a period of employment abroad by the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in a security-related position in an executive or managerial capacity is to be counted as a period of residence and physical presence in the United States for purposes of qualifying for naturalization, 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. CLARIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO ABSENCE**
 4 **FROM THE UNITED STATES DUE TO CERTAIN**
 5 **EMPLOYMENT BY CHIEF OF MISSION OR**
 6 **ARMED FORCES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1059(e) of the National
 8 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (8 U.S.C.
 9 1101 note) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(e) NATURALIZATION.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A period of absence from
 12 the United States described in paragraph (2)—

13 “(A) shall not be considered to break any
 14 period for which continuous residence or phys-
 15 ical presence in the United States is required
 16 for naturalization under title III of the Immi-
 17 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401 et
 18 seq.); and

19 “(B) shall be treated as a period of resi-
 20 dence and physical presence in the United
 21 States for purposes of satisfying the require-
 22 ments for naturalization under such title.

23 “(2) PERIOD OF ABSENCE DESCRIBED.—A pe-
 24 riod of absence described in this paragraph is a pe-
 25 riod of absence from the United States due to a per-

1 son's employment by the Chief of Mission or United
2 States Armed Forces, under contract with the Chief
3 of Mission or United States Armed Forces, or by a
4 firm or corporation under contract with the Chief of
5 Mission or United States Armed Forces, if—

6 “(A) such employment involved supporting
7 the Chief of Mission or United States Armed
8 Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in a secu-
9 rity-related position in an executive or manage-
10 rial capacity; and

11 “(B) the person spent at least a portion of
12 the time outside the United States working di-
13 rectly with the Chief of Mission or United
14 States Armed Forces as a translator, inter-
15 preter, or in a security-related position in an
16 executive or managerial capacity.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
18 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-
19 ment of section 1059(e) of the National Defense Author-
20 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note).

Passed the House of Representatives December 5,
2012.

Attest:

Clerk.

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