

112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6223

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 an executive level security position is to be counted as a period of residence and physical presence in the United States for purposes of qualifying for naturalization if at least a portion of such period was spent in Iraq or Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2012

Mr. DENT 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. CLARIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO ABSENCE**
2 **FROM THE UNITED STATES DUE TO CERTAIN**
3 **EMPLOYMENT BY CHIEF OF MISSION OR**
4 **ARMED FORCES.**

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

8 “(e) NATURALIZATION.—

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

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

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

21 “(2) ABSENCE DESCRIBED.—A period of ab-
22 sence described in this paragraph is a period of ab-
23 sence from the United States due to a person’s em-
24 ployment by the Chief of Mission or United States
25 Armed Forces, under contract with the Chief of Mis-
26 sion or United States Armed Forces, or by a firm

1 or corporation under contract with the Chief of Mis-
2 sion or United States Armed Forces, if—

3 “(A) such employment involved working
4 with the Chief of Mission or United States
5 Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in
6 an executive level security position; and

7 “(B) the person spent at least a portion of
8 the time outside of the United States working
9 directly with the Chief of Mission or United
10 States Armed Forces as a translator, inter-
11 preter, or in an executive level security position
12 in Iraq or Afghanistan.”.

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

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