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Mr. TAKANO (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. CORREA, and Mr. RUIZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, and 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

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Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 3, 2022]

A BILL

To provide benefits for noncitizen members of the Armed Forces, 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 “Veteran Service Recogni-*
5 *tion Act of 2022”.*

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT ON NONCITIZEN VETERANS RE-**
7 **MOVED FROM THE UNITED STATES.**

8 *(a) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after*
9 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-*
10 *fense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Sec-*
11 *retary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly carry out a study*
12 *on noncitizen veterans and noncitizen former members of*
13 *the Armed Forces who were removed from the United States*
14 *during the period beginning on January 1, 1990, and end-*
15 *ing on the date of the enactment of this Act, which shall*
16 *include the following:*

17 *(1) The number of noncitizens removed by U.S.*
18 *Immigration and Customs Enforcement or the Immi-*
19 *gration and Naturalization Service during the period*
20 *covered by the report who served in the Armed Forces*
21 *for an aggregate period of more than 180 days.*

22 *(2) For each noncitizen described in paragraph*
23 *(1)—*

24 *(A) the country of nationality or last habit-*
25 *ual residence of the noncitizen;*

1 (B) the total length of time the noncitizen
2 served as a member of the Armed Forces;

3 (C) each ground on which the noncitizen
4 was ordered removed under section 237(a) of the
5 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
6 1227(a)) or section 212(a) of the Immigration
7 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)), as ap-
8 plicable; and

9 (D) whether the noncitizen appealed the re-
10 moval order to the Board of Immigration Ap-
11 peals.

12 (3) Each of the following enumerations:

13 (A) The number of noncitizens described in
14 paragraph (1) who were discharged or released
15 from service under honorable conditions.

16 (B) The number of noncitizens described in
17 paragraph (1) who were discharged or released
18 from service under other than honorable condi-
19 tions.

20 (C) The number of noncitizens described in
21 paragraph (1) who were deployed overseas.

22 (D) The number of noncitizens described in
23 paragraph (1) who served on active duty in the
24 Armed Forces in an overseas contingency oper-
25 ation.

1 (1) a protocol for identifying noncitizens who are
2 or may be veterans; and

3 (2) a system for maintaining information about
4 noncitizen veterans identified pursuant to the protocol
5 created under paragraph (1) and information pro-
6 vided by the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel
7 and Readiness under section 4(d).

8 (b) *INFORMATION SHARING.*—The system shall be
9 shared across all components of the Department of Home-
10 land Security, including Enforcement and Removal Oper-
11 ations, the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Homeland
12 Security Investigations, and the Military Family Immigra-
13 tion Advisory Committee.

14 (c) *CONSIDERATION OF VETERAN STATUS.*—The Sec-
15 retary of Homeland Security shall ensure that, in the case
16 of any noncitizen veteran who is potentially removable, and
17 in any removal proceeding against such a noncitizen vet-
18 eran, information available under this system is taken into
19 consideration, including for purposes of any adjudication
20 on the immigration status of such veteran.

21 (d) *USE OF SYSTEM REQUIRED.*—The Secretary of
22 Homeland Security may not initiate removal proceedings
23 against an individual prior to using the system established
24 under subsection (a) to attempt to determine whether the
25 individual is a veteran. If the Secretary of Homeland Secu-

1 rity determines that such an individual is or may be a vet-
2 eran, the Secretary shall notify the Military Family Immi-
3 gration Advisory Committee concurrently upon initiating
4 removal proceedings against such individual.

5 (e) TRAINING.—Beginning in the first fiscal year that
6 begins after the Secretary of Homeland Security completes
7 the requirements under subsection (a), personnel of U.S.
8 Immigration and Customs Enforcement shall participate,
9 on an annual basis, in a training on the protocol developed
10 under this section.

11 **SEC. 4. MILITARY FAMILY IMMIGRATION ADVISORY COM-**
12 **MITTEE.**

13 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
14 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
15 land Security shall establish an advisory committee, to be
16 known as the “Military Family Immigration Advisory
17 Committee”, to provide recommendations to the Secretary
18 of Homeland Security on the exercise of discretion in any
19 case involving removal proceedings for—

20 (1) a member of the Armed Forces;

21 (2) a veteran; or

22 (3) a covered family member.

23 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Advisory Committee shall be
24 composed of 9 members, appointed by the Secretary of
25 Homeland Security.

1 (c) *CASE REVIEWS.*—

2 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 30 days after
3 the Advisory Committee identifies or is notified about
4 the case of an individual described in subsection (a),
5 the Advisory Committee shall meet to review the case
6 and to provide a written recommendation to the Sec-
7 retary of Homeland Security on whether—

8 (A) an exercise of discretion is warranted,
9 including—

10 (i) termination of removal proceedings;

11 (ii) parole;

12 (iii) deferred action;

13 (iv) a stay of removal;

14 (v) administrative closure; or

15 (vi) authorization to apply for any
16 other form of relief; or

17 (B) to continue seeking the removal of such
18 individual.

19 (2) *SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION.*—An indi-
20 vidual who is the subject of a case review under para-
21 graph (1) may submit information to the Advisory
22 Committee, and the Advisory Committee shall con-
23 sider such information.

24 (3) *PROCEDURES.*—In conducting each case re-
25 view under paragraph (1), the Advisory Committee

1 *shall consider, as factors weighing in favor of a rec-*
2 *ommendation under paragraph (1)(A)—*

3 *(A) with respect to a member of the Armed*
4 *Forces, whether the individual—*

5 *(i) was an enlisted member or officer of*
6 *the Armed Forces;*

7 *(ii) received a medal or decoration,*
8 *was deployed, or was otherwise evaluated*
9 *for merit in service during his or her service*
10 *in the Armed Forces;*

11 *(iii) is a national of a country that*
12 *prohibits repatriation of an individual after*
13 *any service in the Armed Forces; or*

14 *(iv) contributed to his or her local com-*
15 *munity during his or her service in the*
16 *Armed Forces;*

17 *(B) with respect to a veteran, whether the*
18 *individual—*

19 *(i) was an enlisted member or officer of*
20 *the Armed Forces;*

21 *(ii) completed a period of service in the*
22 *Armed Forces and was discharged under*
23 *conditions other than dishonorable;*

24 *(iii) received a medal or decoration,*
25 *was deployed, or was otherwise evaluated*

1 *for merit in service during his or her service*
2 *in the Armed Forces;*

3 *(iv) is a national of a country that*
4 *prohibits repatriation of an individual after*
5 *any service in the Armed Forces of another*
6 *country; or*

7 *(v) contributed to his or her local com-*
8 *munity during or after his or her service in*
9 *the Armed Forces; and*

10 *(C) with respect to a covered family mem-*
11 *ber, whether the individual—*

12 *(i) supported a member of the Armed*
13 *Forces serving on active duty or a veteran,*
14 *including through financial support, emo-*
15 *tional support, or caregiving; or*

16 *(ii) contributed to his or her local com-*
17 *munity during or after the military service*
18 *of the member or of the veteran.*

19 (4) *PRECLUDING FACTOR.—In conducting each*
20 *case review under paragraph (1), the Advisory Com-*
21 *mittee shall consider, as a factor requiring a rec-*
22 *ommendation under paragraph (1)(B), whether the*
23 *member of the Armed Forces, veteran, or covered fam-*
24 *ily member has been convicted of 5 offenses for driv-*
25 *ing while intoxicated (including a conviction under*

1 *the influence of or impaired by alcohol or drugs), un-*
2 *less the conviction is older than 25 years.*

3 *(d) BRIEFINGS ON NONCITIZEN VETERANS.—The*
4 *Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness*
5 *shall provide detailed briefings to the Advisory Committee*
6 *regarding the service of a noncitizen veteran when that in-*
7 *dividual's case is being considered by the Advisory Com-*
8 *mittee.*

9 *(e) BRIEFINGS ON ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO REC-*
10 *OMMENDATIONS.—Not less frequently than quarterly, the*
11 *Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide detailed*
12 *briefings to the Advisory Committee regarding actions*
13 *taken in response to the recommendations of the Advisory*
14 *Committee, including detailed explanations for any cases*
15 *in which a recommendation of the Advisory Committee was*
16 *not followed.*

17 *(f) TRANSFER OF CASE FILES.—For any individual*
18 *with respect to whom the Advisory Committee is conducting*
19 *a case review under this section, the Secretary of Defense*
20 *and Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide to the*
21 *Advisory Committee a copy of any available record per-*
22 *taining to that individual, including such individual's*
23 *alien file, that is relevant to the case review.*

24 *(g) LIMITATION ON REMOVAL.—Notwithstanding any*
25 *other provision of law, an individual described in sub-*

1 *section (a) may not be ordered removed until the Advisory*
2 *Committee has provided a recommendation with respect to*
3 *that individual to the Secretary of Homeland Security.*

4 *(h) LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR CASE REVIEW.—*
5 *An individual who is inadmissible based on a conviction*
6 *of an aggravated felony described in subparagraph (A) of*
7 *section 101(a)(43) of the Immigration and Nationality Act*
8 *(8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)) shall be ineligible for a case review*
9 *under this section.*

10 **SEC. 5. PROGRAM OF CITIZENSHIP THROUGH MILITARY**
11 **SERVICE.**

12 *(a) IN GENERAL.—*

13 *(1) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary of*
14 *Homeland Security, acting through the Director of*
15 *U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and in*
16 *coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall*
17 *jointly implement a program to ensure that—*

18 *(A) each eligible noncitizen is afforded the*
19 *opportunity to file an application for natu-*
20 *ralization at any point on or after the first day*
21 *of service on active duty or first day of service*
22 *as a member of the Selected Reserve pursuant to*
23 *section 329 of the Immigration and Nationality*
24 *Act (8 U.S.C. 1440); and*

1 (B) *the duly authenticated certification (or*
2 *any other successor form) required under section*
3 *329(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality*
4 *Act (8 U.S.C. 1140(b)(3)) is issued to each non-*
5 *citizen not later than 30 days after the indi-*
6 *vidual makes a request for such certification.*

7 (2) *ELIGIBLE NONCITIZEN.*—*For purposes of this*
8 *subsection, the term “eligible noncitizen” means a*
9 *noncitizen who serves or has served in the Armed*
10 *Forces of the United States during any period that*
11 *the President by Executive order designates as a pe-*
12 *riod during which the Armed Forces of the United*
13 *States are or were engaged in military operations in-*
14 *volving armed conflict with a hostile foreign force.*

15 (b) *JAG TRAINING.*—*The Secretary of Defense shall*
16 *ensure that appropriate members of the Judge Advocate*
17 *General Corps of each Armed Force receive training to func-*
18 *tion as liaisons with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration*
19 *Services with respect to applications for citizenship of non-*
20 *citizen members of the Armed Forces.*

21 (c) *TRAINING FOR RECRUITERS.*—*The Secretary of*
22 *Defense shall ensure that all recruiters in the Armed Forces*
23 *receive training regarding—*

24 (1) *the steps required for a noncitizen member of*
25 *the Armed Forces to receive citizenship;*

1 (2) *limitations on the path to citizenship for*
2 *family members of such individuals; and*

3 (3) *points of contact at the Department of*
4 *Homeland Security to resolve emergency immigra-*
5 *tion-related situations with respect to such individ-*
6 *uals and their family members.*

7 (d) *ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Secretary of each mili-*
8 *tary department shall annually submit to the appropriate*
9 *congressional committees a report on the number of all non-*
10 *citizens who enlisted or were appointed in the military de-*
11 *partment concerned, all members of the Armed Forces in*
12 *their department who naturalized, and all members of the*
13 *Armed Forces in their department who were discharged or*
14 *released without United States citizenship under the juris-*
15 *diction of such Secretary during the preceding year.*

16 (e) *FURTHER FACILITATION NATURALIZATION FOR*
17 *MILITARY PERSONNEL IN CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS.—*
18 *Any person who has served honorably as a member of the*
19 *Armed Forces of the United States in support of a contin-*
20 *gency operation (as defined in section 101(a)(13) of title*
21 *10, United States Code), and who, if separated from the*
22 *Armed Forces, was separated under honorable conditions,*
23 *may be naturalized as provided in section 329 of the Immi-*
24 *gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1440) as though the*

1 *person had served during a period designated by the Presi-*
2 *dent under such section.*

3 (f) *NATURALIZATION THROUGH SERVICE IN THE*
4 *ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.*—Section 328 of
5 *the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439) is*
6 *amended—*

7 (1) *in subsection (a), by striking “six months”*
8 *and inserting “one year”; and*

9 (2) *in subsection (d), by striking “six months”*
10 *and inserting “one year”.*

11 **SEC. 6. INFORMATION FOR MILITARY RECRUITS REGARD-**
12 **ING NATURALIZATION THROUGH SERVICE IN**
13 **THE ARMED FORCES.**

14 *The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Sec-*
15 *retary of Homeland Security, shall ensure that there is sta-*
16 *tioned or employed at each Military Entrance Processing*
17 *Station—*

18 (1) *an employee of U.S. Citizenship and Immi-*
19 *gration Services; or*

20 (2) *in the case that the Secretary determines that*
21 *it is impracticable to station or employ a person de-*
22 *scribed in paragraph (1) at a Military Entrance*
23 *Processing Station, a member of the Armed Forces or*
24 *an employee of the Department of Defense—*

1 (A) whom the Secretary determines is
2 trained in the immigration laws; and

3 (B) who shall inform each military recruit
4 who is not a citizen of the United States proc-
5 essed at such Military Entrance Processing Sta-
6 tion regarding naturalization through service in
7 the Armed Forces under sections 328 and 329 of
8 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
9 1439–1440).

10 **SEC. 7. RETURN OF ELIGIBLE VETERANS REMOVED FROM**
11 **THE UNITED STATES; ADJUSTMENT OF STA-**
12 **TUS.**

13 (a) *ELIGIBLE VETERANS.*—In the case of a noncitizen
14 who has been issued a final order of removal, the Secretary
15 of Homeland Security, may, notwithstanding such order of
16 removal, adjust that noncitizen’s status to that of an alien
17 lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or admit such
18 noncitizen for lawful permanent residence if the Secretary
19 determines that such noncitizen is a veteran and, consistent
20 with subsection (b), is not inadmissible.

21 (b) *WAIVER.*—

22 (1) *AUTHORITY.*—In the case of a noncitizen vet-
23 eran described in subsection (a), the Secretary of
24 Homeland Security may waive any applicable
25 ground of inadmissibility under section 212(a) of the

1 *Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a))*
2 *(other than paragraphs (3) and (2)(H) of such section*
3 *212(a), a finding of inadmissibility under paragraph*
4 *(2)(A) based on a conviction of an aggravated felony*
5 *described in subparagraph (A), (I), or (K) of section*
6 *101(a)(43) (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(43)), or 5 convictions*
7 *for driving while intoxicated (including a conviction*
8 *for driving while under the influence of or impaired*
9 *by alcohol or drugs) unless the conviction is older*
10 *than 25 years, if the Secretary determines that it is*
11 *in the public interest.*

12 (2) *PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS.—In de-*
13 *termining whether a waiver described in paragraph*
14 *(1) is in the public interest, the Secretary of Home-*
15 *land Security shall consider factors including the*
16 *noncitizen's service in the Armed Forces, and the*
17 *recency and severity of any offense or conduct that*
18 *forms the basis of a finding of inadmissibility under*
19 *section 212(a) of the Immigration and Nationality*
20 *Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)).*

21 (c) *PROCEDURES.—Not later than 180 days after the*
22 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland*
23 *Security shall, by rule, establish procedures to carry out*
24 *this section.*

1 (d) *NO NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.*—*Individuals who*
2 *are granted lawful permanent residence under this section*
3 *shall not be subject to the numerical limitations under sec-*
4 *tion 201, 202, or 203 of the Immigration and Nationality*
5 *Act (8 U.S.C. 1151, 1152, or 1153).*

6 (e) *CLARIFICATION.*—*If a noncitizen veteran’s status*
7 *is adjusted under this section to that of an alien lawfully*
8 *admitted for permanent residence, or if such noncitizen is*
9 *lawfully admitted for permanent residence, such adjustment*
10 *or admission shall create a presumption that the noncitizen*
11 *has established good moral character under paragraphs (1)*
12 *through (8) of section 101(f) of the Immigration and Na-*
13 *tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(f)).*

14 (f) *LIMITATION ON REMOVAL.*—

15 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*A noncitizen who appears to*
16 *be prima facie eligible for lawful permanent resident*
17 *status under this section shall be given a reasonable*
18 *opportunity to apply for such status. Such noncitizen*
19 *shall not be removed from the United States until a*
20 *final administrative decision establishing ineligibility*
21 *for such status is rendered.*

22 (2) *EFFECT OF FINAL ORDER.*—*A noncitizen*
23 *present in the United States who has been ordered re-*
24 *moved or has been permitted to depart voluntarily*
25 *from the United States may, notwithstanding such*

1 *order or permission to depart, apply for lawful per-*
2 *manent resident status under this section. Such non-*
3 *citizen shall not be required to file a separate motion*
4 *to reopen, reconsider, or vacate the order of removal.*
5 *If the Secretary of Homeland Security approves the*
6 *application, the Secretary shall notify the Attorney*
7 *General of such approval, and the Attorney General*
8 *shall cancel the order of removal. If the Secretary ren-*
9 *ders a final administrative decision to deny the ap-*
10 *plication, the order of removal or permission to de-*
11 *part shall be effective and enforceable to the same ex-*
12 *tent as if the application had not been made, only*
13 *after all available administrative and judicial rem-*
14 *edies have been exhausted.*

15 **SEC. 8. ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS FOR CERTAIN IMMEDIATE**
16 **RELATIVES OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN**
17 **SERVICE MEMBERS OR VETERANS.**

18 *(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of an application for*
19 *adjustment of status pursuant to an approved petition for*
20 *classification under section 204(a)(1)(A) of the Immigra-*
21 *tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(A)), an*
22 *alien described in subsection (b)—*

23 *(1) is be deemed to have been inspected and ad-*
24 *mitted into the United States; and*

1 (2) shall not be subject to paragraphs (6)(A),
2 (6)(C), (7)(A), and (9) of section 212(a) of such Act
3 (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)).

4 (b) *ALIEN DESCRIBED*.—An alien is described in sub-
5 section (a) if the alien is the beneficiary of an approved
6 petition for classification under section 204(a)(1)(A) of the
7 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(A))
8 as an immediate relative (as defined in section
9 201(b)(2)(A)(i) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(2)(A)(i))) of
10 a citizen of the United States who—

11 (1) served, for a minimum of 2 years, on active
12 duty in the Armed Forces or in a reserve component
13 of the United States Armed Forces; and

14 (2) if discharged or released from service in the
15 Armed Forces, was discharged or released under hon-
16 orable conditions.

17 **SEC. 9. DEFINITIONS.**

18 *In this Act:*

19 (1) *ADVISORY COMMITTEE*.—The term “Advisory
20 Committee” means the Military Family Immigration
21 Advisory Committee established pursuant to section 4.

22 (2) *APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-*
23 *TEES*.—The term “appropriate congressional commit-

24 *tees*” means—

1 (A) *the Committee on Armed Services of the*
2 *Senate;*

3 (B) *the Committee on Homeland Security*
4 *and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;*

5 (C) *the Committee on the Judiciary of the*
6 *Senate;*

7 (D) *the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of*
8 *the Senate;*

9 (E) *the Committee on Armed Services of the*
10 *House of Representatives;*

11 (F) *the Committee on Homeland Security of*
12 *the House of Representatives;*

13 (G) *the Committee on the Judiciary of the*
14 *House of Representatives; and*

15 (H) *the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of*
16 *the House of Representatives.*

17 (3) *ARMED FORCES.*—*The term “Armed Forces”*
18 *has the meaning given the term “armed forces” in*
19 *section 101 of title 10, United States Code.*

20 (4) *COVERED FAMILY MEMBER.*—*The term “cov-*
21 *ered family member” means the noncitizen spouse or*
22 *noncitizen child of—*

23 (A) *a member of the Armed Forces; or*

24 (B) *a veteran.*

1 (5) *IMMIGRATION LAWS.*—*The term “immigra-*
2 *tion laws” has the meaning given that term in section*
3 *101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8*
4 *U.S.C. 1101).*

5 (6) *NONCITIZEN.*—*The term “noncitizen” means*
6 *an individual who is not a citizen or national of the*
7 *United States (as defined in section 101(a) of the Im-*
8 *migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a))).*

9 (7) *VETERAN.*—*The term “veteran” has the*
10 *meaning given such term in section 101 of title 38,*
11 *United States Code.*

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