

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9742

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate certain exceptions to the naturalization requirement as to understanding the English language, history, principles, and form of government of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2026

Mr. GILL of Texas (for himself, Mr. FINE, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, and Ms. VAN DUYNE) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “English Language Pro-
5 ficiency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS TO NATU-**
2 **RALIZATION REQUIREMENT AS TO UNDER-**
3 **STANDING THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, HIS-**
4 **TORY, PRINCIPLES, AND FORM OF GOVERN-**
5 **MENT OF THE UNITED STATES.**

6 Section 312(b) of the Immigration and Nationality
7 Act (8 U.S.C. 1423(b)) is amended by striking paragraphs
8 (2) and (3).

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