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# H. R. 1360

To amend the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide for an exception to limited eligibility for SSI and food stamps for certain permanent resident aliens who are unable because of physical or developmental disability or mental impairment to naturalize.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 1997

Mr. DIAZ-BALART (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MANTON, Mr. MEEHAN, and Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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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## A BILL

To amend the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide for an exception to limited eligibility for SSI and food stamps for certain permanent resident aliens who are unable because of physical or developmental disability or mental impairment to naturalize.

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. EXCEPTION TO LIMITED ELIGIBILITY FOR SSI**  
2 **AND FOOD STAMPS FOR CERTAIN PERMA-**  
3 **NENT RESIDENT ALIENS WHO ARE UNABLE**  
4 **BECAUSE OF PHYSICAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL**  
5 **DISABILITY OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENT TO**  
6 **NATURALIZE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(a)(2) of the Personal  
8 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act  
9 of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612(a)(2)) is amended by adding after  
10 subparagraph (D) the following new subparagraph:

11 “(E) DISABLED PERMANENT RESIDENT  
12 ALIENS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR NATU-  
13 RALIZATION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to  
14 an alien who—

15 “(i) is lawfully admitted to the United  
16 States for permanent residence under the  
17 Immigration and Nationality Act; and

18 “(ii) meets the residence and other re-  
19 quirements of the Immigration and Na-  
20 tionality Act for naturalization, but cannot  
21 meet the requirements of section 337 of  
22 such Act (relating to the oath of renunci-  
23 ation and allegiance) because the alien is  
24 unable, due to physical or developmental  
25 disability or mental impairment which  
26 arose after the alien’s admission to the

1 United States, to comply with the require-  
2 ments of such section.”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
4 subsection (a) shall be effective as if included in the enact-  
5 ment of title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work  
6 Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1966.

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