

107TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3959

To amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to require the Immigration and Naturalization Service to verify whether an alien has an immigration status rendering the alien eligible for service in the Armed Forces of the United States and to achieve parity between the immigration status required for employment as an airport security screener and the immigration status required for service in the Armed Forces, and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit naturalization through active-duty military service during Operation Enduring Freedom.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2002

Ms. LOFGREN (for herself and Mr. HONDA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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

A BILL

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tionality Act to permit naturalization through active-duty military service during Operation Enduring Freedom.

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 “Military Standards for
5 Airport Security Screeners Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. VERIFICATION OF IMMIGRATION STATUS OF
7 ALIENS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT AS AIRPORT
8 SECURITY SCREENERS.**

9 Section 642(c) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and
10 Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373(c))
11 is amended—

12 (1) by striking “(c) OBLIGATION TO RESPOND
13 TO INQUIRIES.—The” and inserting the following:

14 “(c) OBLIGATION TO RESPOND TO INQUIRIES.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(2) SPECIAL RULE FOR INQUIRIES RELATING
18 TO AIRPORT SECURITY SCREENERS.—Upon an in-
19 quiry by a Federal agency, the Immigration and
20 Naturalization Service shall verify whether an alien
21 has an immigration status rendering the alien eligi-
22 ble to serve in the Armed Forces of the United
23 States. An alien who is verified as eligible for such
24 service under the preceding sentence shall not be

1 considered ineligible, notwithstanding any other pro-
2 vision of law, to be hired by the United States for
3 a position as an airport security screener because of
4 the immigration status of the alien.”.

5 SEC. 3. NATURALIZATION THROUGH ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE
6 DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

7 Section 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
8 (8 U.S.C. 1440) is amended, in each of subsections (a)
9 and (b), by inserting “or during a period beginning Sep-
10 tember 19, 2001, and ending on a date designated by the
11 President by Executive order as the date of termination
12 of the contingency operation in Southwest Asia known as
13 Operation Enduring Freedom,” after “hostile foreign
14 force.”.