

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1275

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to change the requirements for naturalization to citizenship through service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2003

Mr. FROST 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. REQUIREMENTS FOR NATURALIZATION TO**
4 **CITIZENSHIP THROUGH SERVICE IN THE**
5 **ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.**

6 (a) PERIOD OF REQUIRED SERVICE REDUCED TO 2
7 YEARS.—Section 328(a) of the Immigration and Nation-
8 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439(a)) is amended by striking
9 “three” and inserting “two”.

1 (b) PROHIBITION ON IMPOSITION OF FEES RELAT-
2 ING TO NATURALIZATION.—Section 328(b) of the Immi-
3 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439(b)) is amend-
4 ed—

5 (1) by striking the period at the end of para-
6 graph (3) and inserting “; and”; and

7 (2) by adding after paragraph (3) the following:

8 “(4) notwithstanding any other provision of
9 law, no fee shall be charged or collected from the ap-
10 plicant for filing a petition for naturalization or
11 issuing a certificate of naturalization upon his ad-
12 mission to citizenship, and no clerk of any State
13 court shall charge or collect any fee for such services
14 unless the laws of the State require such charge to
15 be made, in which case nothing more than the por-
16 tion of the fee required to be paid to the State shall
17 be charged or collected.”.

18 (c) CONDUCT OF NATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS
19 OVERSEAS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF
20 THE UNITED STATES.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
21 sion of law, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State,
22 and the Secretary of Defense, shall ensure that any appli-
23 cations, interviews, filings, oaths, ceremonies, or other
24 proceedings under title III of the Immigration and Nation-
25 ality Act relating to naturalization of members of the

1 Armed Forces are available through United States embas-
2 sies and consulates and, as practicable, United States mili-
3 tary installations overseas.

