

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3911

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt members of the Armed Forces from naturalization requirements relating to English language, knowledge of government, good moral character, and period of service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

Mr. GERLACH 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. EXEMPTION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
4 **FORCES FROM CERTAIN NATURALIZATION**
5 **REQUIREMENTS.**

6 (a) ENGLISH LANGUAGE, KNOWLEDGE OF GOVERN-
7 MENT, AND GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.—Section 328(b)

1 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
2 1439(b)) is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the
4 end;

5 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at
6 the end and inserting “; and”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following new
8 paragraph:

9 “(5) the requirements of sections 312(a) and
10 316(a)(3) shall not apply.”.

11 (b) PERIOD OF SERVICE.—Section 328(a) of such
12 Act (8 U.S.C. 1439) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “for a period or periods aggre-
14 gating one year,”; and

15 (2) by striking “within six months” and insert-
16 ing “at any time”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date of
19 the enactment of this Act and apply to applications for
20 naturalization filed on, before, or after such date.

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