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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MIKULSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Kendell Frederick Citi-  
5       zenship Assistance Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT FOR FINGERPRINTS**  
7       **FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

8       Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any  
9       regulation, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall use  
10      the fingerprints provided by an individual at the time the

1 individual enlists in the Armed Forces to satisfy any re-  
2 quirement for fingerprints as part of an application for  
3 naturalization if the individual—

4 (1) may be naturalized as provided in section  
5 328 or 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act  
6 (8 U.S.C. 1439 or 1440);

7 (2) was fingerprinted in accordance with the re-  
8 quirements of the Department of Defense at the  
9 time the individual enlisted in the Armed Forces;  
10 and

11 (3) submits an application for naturalization  
12 not later than 12 months after the date the indi-  
13 vidual enlisted in the Armed Forces.

14 **SEC. 3. PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON NATURALIZATION.**

15 (a) MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—

16 (1) CITIZENSHIP ADVOCATE.—The Secretary of  
17 Defense shall establish the position of Citizenship  
18 Advocate at each Military Entry Processing Station  
19 to provide information on the naturalization process  
20 for members of the Armed Forces to such members.  
21 An individual appointed as a Citizenship Advocate  
22 may be a civilian.

23 (2) WRITTEN MATERIALS.—The Secretary of  
24 Defense shall ensure that written information de-  
25 scribing the naturalization process for members of

1 the Armed Forces is provided to each individual who  
2 is not a citizen of the United States at the time that  
3 the individual enlists in the Armed Forces.

4 (b) OTHER INFORMATION.—Not later than 30 days  
5 after the date that a modification to the law or regulations  
6 related to the naturalization process becomes effective, the  
7 Secretary of Homeland Security shall update the appro-  
8 priate application form for naturalization, the instructions  
9 and guidebook for obtaining naturalization, and the Inter-  
10 net website maintained by the Secretary of Homeland Se-  
11 curity to reflect such modification.

12 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT.**

13 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United  
14 States shall conduct a study on the implementation of this  
15 Act by Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary  
16 of Defense, including studying any technology that may  
17 be used to improve the efficiency of the naturalization  
18 process for members of the Armed Forces.

19 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of  
21 the United States shall submit to Congress a report on  
22 the study required by subsection (a). The report shall in-  
23 clude any recommendations of the Comptroller General for

- 1 improving the implementation of this Act by the Secretary
- 2 of Homeland Security or the Secretary of Defense.

