

# Denaturalization Efficiency and Enforcement Act

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## A BILL

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to streamline the denaturalization process for naturalized citizens who obtained citizenship through fraud or misrepresentation, to broaden grounds for revocation, to enhance administrative efficiencies, and for other purposes.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Denaturalization Efficiency and Enforcement Act of 20XX".

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### SECTION 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

- (1) The integrity of the naturalization process is essential to national security and the rule of law.
  - (2) Current denaturalization procedures are resource-intensive and time-consuming, leading to delays in revoking unlawfully obtained citizenship.
  - (3) Streamlining denaturalization through technological integration, procedural reforms, and expanded grounds will deter fraud and ensure swift enforcement against those who violate eligibility requirements.
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### SECTION 3. AMENDMENTS TO GROUNDS FOR DENATURALIZATION.

Section 340(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1451(a)) is amended—

- (1) by inserting after "concealment of a material fact" the following: "or any post-naturalization conviction for an aggravated felony as defined in section 101(a)(43), if such conviction reveals ineligibility at the time of naturalization or involves terrorism-related activities"; and
- (2) by adding at the end the following: "The Attorney General may initiate denaturalization proceedings based on clear evidence of fraud, misrepresentation, or post-naturalization actions

that undermine the basis for citizenship, including but not limited to membership in subversive organizations or failure to disclose criminal history."

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#### **SECTION 4. PROCEDURAL REFORMS FOR EXPEDITED HEARINGS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 340 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1451) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(j) EXPEDITED PROCEEDINGS.—

(1) The Attorney General, in consultation with the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the district in which the action is brought, shall establish a fast-track docket for denaturalization cases where evidence of fraud or misrepresentation is documented by affidavit and uncontested.

(2) Such proceedings may include summary judgment options, limited discovery periods not exceeding 90 days, and mandatory remote hearings to expedite resolution.

(3) Appeals shall be limited to one level, with a presumption of finality unless clear error is demonstrated."

(b) EVIDENTIARY STANDARD.—Section 340(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1451(a)) is further amended by striking "clear, unequivocal, and convincing evidence" and inserting "preponderance of the evidence in civil proceedings, provided that safeguards against arbitrary revocation are maintained".

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#### **SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTIONS AND INCENTIVES.**

Section 340 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1451) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(k) VOLUNTARY SURRENDER.—The Attorney General may establish an administrative process for voluntary relinquishment of citizenship in cases of admitted fraud, offering deferred removal for up to 180 days in exchange for waiving judicial review, to reduce court burdens and encourage resolutions."

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#### **SECTION 6. FUNDING AND REPORTING.**

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security to carry out this Act, including for technology enhancements and specialized units.

(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Attorney General shall submit an annual report to Congress on the number of denaturalization cases initiated, resolved, and pending, including metrics on efficiency gains.

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**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Act shall take effect 180 days after the date of enactment.

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