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To direct that certain Federal financial benefits be provided only to citizens and nationals of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUNTER (for himself and Mr. CUNNINGHAM) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means, Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, and Agriculture

A BILL

To direct that certain Federal financial benefits be provided only to citizens and nationals of the United States.

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 “Federal Benefit Integ-
5 rity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT**
7 **CHILDREN ONLY TO CITIZENS AND NATION-**
8 **ALS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(a) of the Social Secu-
10 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 602(a)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
2 (44);

3 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
4 graph (45) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (45) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(46) provide that—

8 “(A) aid under the State plan shall not be
9 payable to any family that applies therefor and
10 does not include a citizen or national of the
11 United States; and

12 “(B) the amount of aid payable under the
13 State plan to any family that is a recipient
14 thereof and does not include a citizen or na-
15 tional of the United States shall, notwithstand-
16 ing any other provision of this part, be reduced
17 each year (but not below zero) by a dollar
18 amount equal to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the amount of such aid
19 as of the later of the effective date of this para-
20 graph or the first day the family does not in-
21 clude such a citizen or national.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 subsection (a) shall take effect at the end of the 1-year
24 period that begins with the date of the enactment of this
25 Act, and shall apply to payments under part A of title

1 IV of the Social Security Act for calendar quarters ending
2 after such 1-year period, without regard to whether regu-
3 lations to implement such amendments are promulgated
4 by the end of such 1-year period.

5 **SEC. 3. PROVISION OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME**
6 **BENEFITS ONLY TO CITIZENS AND NATION-**
7 **ALS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1614(a)(1) of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(1)) is amended by strik-
10 ing subparagraph (B) (i) and inserting the following:

11 “(B)(i) is a citizen or national of the United
12 States, or”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1621 of
14 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382j) is hereby repealed.

15 (c) PHASE-OUT OF BENEFITS CURRENTLY PAID TO
16 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT CITIZENS OR NATIONALS.—
17 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any individual
18 who, on the date of the enactment of this Act, is not a
19 citizen or national of the United States and is receiving
20 supplemental security income benefits under title XVI of
21 the Social Security Act shall, for purposes of such title,
22 be considered a citizen or national of the United States
23 during the 3-year period that begins with such date of en-
24 actment, except that the benefits to which the individual
25 shall be entitled under such title shall be reduced by $\frac{1}{3}$

1 from the level of such benefits as of such date of enact-
2 ment, each year during such 3-year period.

3 **SEC. 4. USE OF ASSISTED HOUSING BY ALIENS.**

4 Section 214 of the Housing and Community Develop-
5 ment Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 1436a) is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 **“SEC. 214. RESTRICTION ON USE OF ASSISTED HOUSING.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
9 vision of law, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
10 opment may not make financial assistance available for
11 the benefit of any individual after the expiration of the
12 3-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of
13 the Federal Benefit Integrity Act unless the individual is
14 a citizen or national of the United States.

15 “(b) PROHIBITION OF NEW ASSISTANCE.—Notwith-
16 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary of
17 Housing and Urban Development may not make financial
18 assistance available for the benefit of any individual who
19 is not a citizen or national of the United States after the
20 expiration of the 1-year period beginning on the date of
21 the enactment of the Federal Benefit Integrity Act unless
22 such individual is receiving financial assistance on such
23 date.

24 “(c) DEFINITION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—For
25 purposes of this section, the term ‘financial assistance’

1 means financial assistance made available pursuant to the
2 United States Housing Act of 1937, section 235 or 236
3 of the National Housing Act, or section 101 of the Hous-
4 ing and Urban Development Act of 1965.

5 “(d) DISCRETIONARY CONTINUATION OF FINANCIAL
6 ASSISTANCE.—If, following completion of the applicable
7 hearing process, financial assistance for any individual re-
8 ceiving such assistance on the date referred to in sub-
9 section (a) is to be terminated, the public housing agency
10 or other local governmental entity involved (in the case
11 of public housing or assistance under section 8 of the
12 United States Housing Act of 1937) or the Secretary of
13 Housing and Urban Development (in the case of any other
14 financial assistance) may, in its discretion, take one of the
15 following actions:

16 “(1) CONTINUED PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—
17 Permit the continued provision of financial assist-
18 ance, if necessary to avoid the division of a family
19 in which the head of household or spouse is a citizen
20 or national of the United States.

21 “(2) DEFERRED TERMINATION OF ASSIST-
22 ANCE.—Defer the termination of financial assist-
23 ance, if necessary to permit the orderly transition of
24 the individual and any family members involved to
25 other affordable housing, except that—

1 “(A) any deferral under this paragraph
2 shall be for a 6-month period and may be re-
3 newed by the public housing agency or other
4 entity involved for an aggregate period of 3
5 years; and

6 “(B) at the beginning of each deferral pe-
7 riod, the public housing agency or other entity
8 involved shall inform the individual and family
9 members of their ineligibility for financial as-
10 sistance and offer them other assistance in find-
11 ing other affordable housing.

12 For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘family’ means
13 a head of household, any spouse, any parents of the head
14 of household, any parents of the spouse, and any children
15 of the head of household or spouse.

16 “(e) DECLARATION OF CITIZENSHIP.—Financial as-
17 sistance may not be provided for the benefit of an individ-
18 ual unless the following requirements are met:

19 “(1) STATEMENT.—There is a declaration in
20 writing by the individual (or, in the case of an indi-
21 vidual who is a child, by another on the individual’s
22 behalf), under penalty of perjury, stating that the
23 individual is a citizen or national of the United
24 States.

1 “(2) DOCUMENTATION.—There is presented
2 such documentation as the Secretary determines
3 constitutes reasonable evidence indicating that the
4 individual is a citizen or national of the United
5 States.”.

6 **SEC. 5. AMENDMENTS TO THE FOOD STAMP ACT OF 1977.**

7 (a) AMENDMENTS.—The Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7
8 U.S.C. 2011–2032) is amended—

9 (1) in section 5 by striking subsection (i),

10 (2) in the first sentence of section 6(f) by strik-
11 ing “(2) either” and all that follows through “house-
12 hold.”, and inserting “(2) a citizen or national of the
13 United States.”, and

14 (3) in section 11(e)(2) by striking “either citi-
15 zens or are aliens” and inserting “citizens or nation-
16 als of the United States”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMEND-
18 MENTS.—

19 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take
20 effect 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
21 Act.

22 (2) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The
23 amendments made by subsection (a) shall not apply
24 with respect to certification periods beginning before
25 the effective date of this section.

