

S 2516

Kendell Frederick Citizenship Assistance Act

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration

Introduced: Dec 18, 2007

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 110-251.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 110-251. (Jun 26, 2008)

Law: 110-251 (Enacted Jun 26, 2008)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]

Party: Democratic • State: MD • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 18, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 11, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2884	Related bill	Nov 8, 2007: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on March 11, 2008. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Kendell Frederick Citizenship Assistance Act - (Sec. 2) Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) to use the fingerprints provided by an individual at the time of military enlistment or at the time of applying for (immigration) status adjustment to satisfy any naturalization background or security requirements if: (1) the individual may be naturalized under the Immigration and Nationality Act, was fingerprinted in accordance with Department of Defense (DOD) requirements, and submits a naturalization application within 24 months of enlistment or provides the required biometric information at the time of application for status adjustment if filed within 24 months after enlistment; and (2) the Secretary determines that the biometric information provided, including fingerprints, is sufficient to conduct the naturalization background and security checks.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) determine the format for biometric information, including fingerprints; (2) implement procedures for electronic transmission of biometric information that will safeguard privacy and civil liberties; and (3) provide for centralization of naturalization applications of active duty personnel serving abroad and such applications' expedited processing.

(Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary to update the appropriate Internet websites to reflect naturalization law changes.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary should make necessary updates to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) application forms.

(Sec. 4) Directs the Secretary to report to the appropriate congressional committees with respect to the adjudication of military service-related naturalization applications.

Directs the Comptroller General to conduct a study and report to the appropriate congressional committees with respect to implementation of this Act by the Secretaries of Homeland Security and Defense.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 26, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-251.
- **Jun 17, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 9, 2008:** Ms. Lofgren, Zoe moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 9, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5059-5060)
- **Jun 9, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 2516.
- **Jun 9, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5059)
- **Jun 9, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5059)
- **Jun 9, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 9, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Mar 12, 2008:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 12, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 12, 2008:** Held at the desk.
- **Mar 11, 2008:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 11, 2008:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S1891-1892)
- **Mar 11, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 11, 2008:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 18, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 18, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.