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To clarify United States birthright citizenship laws in the territories and combat foreign nationals who are seeking citizenship in the United States territories.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
JULY 16, 2026

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To clarify United States birthright citizenship laws in the territories and combat foreign nationals who are seeking citizenship in the United States territories.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “End Birthright Citizenship for Territories Act”.

SEC. 2. BACKGROUND

Whereas, under Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2, the Constitution states: “The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States;”;

Whereas, Supreme Court of the United States precedents, known collectively as *the Insular Cases*, stands for the proposition that Congress has the power to legislate with respect to the United States territories, including citizenship status;

Whereas, Congress has previously granted citizenship by statute to four of the five United States territories but not to the people of American Samoa;

Whereas, the decision in *Trump v. Barbara* did not address or call into question any of these Insular Case based statutes;

Whereas, Congress has the inherent authority to change statutes relating to citizenship of persons born in the territories.

SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON CITIZENSHIP FOR INDIVIDUALS BORN IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO.

- (a) IN GENERAL – Title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act Section 302 (8 U.S.C. 1402) is amended—
 - (i) by striking the comma after “after January 13, 1941,” and adding “and before January 1, 2027,”

SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON CITIZENSHIP FOR INDIVIDUALS BORN IN THE TERRITORY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

- (b) IN GENERAL – Title III of Immigration and Nationality Act Section 306 (8 U.S.C. 1402) is amended—
 - (i) in subparagraph (b) by inserting the “and before January 1, 2027,” after “after February 25, 1927,”

SEC. 5. LIMITATION ON CITIZENSHIP FOR INDIVIDUALS BORN IN THE TERRITORY OF GUAM.

- (c) IN GENERAL – Title III of Immigration and Nationality Act Section 307 (8 U.S.C. 1406) is amended—
 - (i) in subparagraph (b) by striking the parenthesis before “whether” and after “1950”;
 - (ii) and adding a comma before “whether” and after “1950”
 - (iii) and adding after “August 1, 1950” the following “and before January 1, 2027.”

SEC. 6. LIMITATION ON CITIZENSHIP FOR INDIVIDUALS BORN IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

(d) IN GENERAL – Subchapter I – The Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, as approved under Public Law 94-241, Section 303 at (48 USC 1801) is amended –

(i) in subsection 303:

(A) by adding after “and” the following “before January 1, 2027 are” and by striking “at birth” at the end.

(e) Applicability.—

(1) The amendment made by subsection (a), (b), (c) and (d) shall not be construed to affect the citizenship or nationality status of any person born in the United States before January 1, 2027.

(2) The amendment made by subsection (a), (b), (c) and (d) shall not be construed to affect the citizenship or nationality of a person born in the United States territories, who is born as a child of a United States citizen or the child of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.