

Public Law 106-448  
106th Congress

An Act

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a waiver of the oath of renunciation and allegiance for naturalization of aliens having certain disabilities.

Nov. 6, 2000  
[S. 2812]

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

**SECTION 1. WAIVER OF OATH OF RENUNCIATION AND ALLEGIANCE FOR NATURALIZATION OF ALIENS HAVING CERTAIN DISABILITIES.**

Section 337(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1448(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following: "The Attorney General may waive the taking of the oath by a person if in the opinion of the Attorney General the person is unable to understand, or to communicate an understanding of, its meaning because of a physical or developmental disability or mental impairment. If the Attorney General waives the taking of the oath by a person under the preceding sentence, the person shall be considered to have met the requirements of section 316(a)(3) with respect to attachment to the principles of the Constitution and well disposition to the good order and happiness of the United States."

**SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The amendment made by section 1 shall apply to persons applying for naturalization before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Applicability.  
8 USC 1448 note.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 2812 (H.R. 4838):**

**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 146 (2000):**

July 21, considered and passed Senate.

Oct. 10, considered and passed House, amended, in lieu of H.R. 4838.

Oct. 19, Senate concurred in House amendment.