

113TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4723

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2014

Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Opportunity for Military Academies and Readiness Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO APPOINT CERTAIN ALIENS WHO**  
 5 **ARE UNLAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED**  
 6 **STATES AS CADETS AND MIDSHIPMEN AT**  
 7 **MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES.**

8       (a) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Section  
 9 4346 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

11       “(e)(1) An alien who, at the time of application for  
 12 admission to the Academy, possesses an employment authorization document issued by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services under the requirements of the  
 13 Department of Homeland Security policy entitled ‘Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals’ (DACA) dated June  
 14 15, 2012, and who otherwise satisfies the requirements for  
 15 admission to the Academy, other than the United States  
 16 citizenship requirement, may be—

20               “(A) appointed as a cadet and attend the Academy; and  
 21       emy; and

22               “(B) upon graduation, be appointed as a commissioned officer in the armed forces.  
 23       missioned officer in the armed forces.

24       “(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall be construed to  
 25 alter the process prescribed by sections 328, 329, and  
 26 329A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.

1 1439, 1440, 1440–1) by which a person may naturalize  
2 through service in the armed forces.”.

3 (b) NAVAL ACADEMY.—Section 6958 of such title is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5 section:

6 “(e)(1) An alien who, at the time of application for  
7 admission to the Naval Academy, possesses an employ-  
8 ment authorization document issued by United States  
9 Citizenship and Immigration Services under the require-  
10 ments of the Department of Homeland Security policy en-  
11 titled ‘Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals’ (DACA)  
12 dated June 15, 2012, and who otherwise satisfies the re-  
13 quirements for admission to the Academy, other than the  
14 United States citizenship requirement, may be—

15 “(A) appointed as a midshipman and attend the  
16 Academy; and

17 “(B) upon graduation, be appointed as a com-  
18 missioned officer in the armed forces.

19 “(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall be construed to  
20 alter the process prescribed by sections 328, 329, and  
21 329A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
22 1439, 1440, 1440–1) by which a person may naturalize  
23 through service in the armed forces.”.

1       (c) AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—Section 9346 of such  
2 title is amended by adding at the end the following new  
3 subsection:

4       “(e)(1) An alien who, at the time of application for  
5 admission to the Academy, possesses an employment au-  
6 thorization document issued by United States Citizenship  
7 and Immigration Services under the requirements of the  
8 Department of Homeland Security policy entitled ‘De-  
9 ferred Action for Childhood Arrivals’ (DACA) dated June  
10 15, 2012, and who otherwise satisfies the requirements for  
11 admission to the Academy, other than the United States  
12 citizenship requirement, may be—

13               “(A) appointed as a cadet and attend the Acad-  
14 emy; and

15               “(B) upon graduation, be appointed as a com-  
16 missioned officer in the armed forces.

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18 alter the process prescribed by sections 328, 329, and  
19 329A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
20 1439, 1440, 1440–1) by which a person may naturalize  
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