

75TH CONGRESS
1st Session

H. R. 274

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1937

Mr. IGLESIAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To correct United States citizenship status of certain persons born in Puerto Rico, and for other purposes.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the tenth subdivision of section 4 of the Act of June 29,
4 1906 (34 Stat. 598), as amended by the Act of May 9,
5 1918 (40 Stat. 377), as further amended by section 10 of
6 the Act of May 25, 1932 (47 Stat. 166; U. S. C., 1934 ed.,
7 title 8, sec. 377), is further amended by adding at the end
8 of the subdivision a new paragraph reading as follows:
9 "That any person born in Puerto Rico on or after April
10 11, 1899, whose father prior to that date had been an
11 inhabitant of Puerto Rico and had elected to preserve his

1 allegiance to the Crown of Spain and had continued his
2 residence in Puerto Rico, who through ignorance of the
3 facts regarding such action by the father and consequent
4 misinformation regarding his or her own citizenship status
5 failed within prescribed time limits to exercise the privilege
6 of establishing United States citizenship as granted by the
7 proviso in the second paragraph of section 5 of the Act
8 approved March 2, 1917 (39 Stat. 953; U. S. C., title 8,
9 sec. 5), as extended by the first proviso in section 5A of
10 the Act of March 2, 1917, as enacted by section 2 of the
11 Act approved March 4, 1927 (44 Stat. 1418; U. S. C.,
12 Supp. I, title 8, sec. 5a), who has heretofore erroneously
13 but in good faith exercised the rights and privileges and
14 performed the duties of a citizen of the United States, and
15 who has not personally sworn his or her personal allegiance
16 to any foreign government or any foreign ruler upon or after
17 attainment of his or her own majority, may make a sworn
18 declaration of allegiance to the United States before any
19 United States district court setting forth therein all the facts
20 connected with his or her birth in Puerto Rico and mis-
21 information regarding his or her United States citizenship
22 status, accompanied by due proof thereof, and after the filing
23 of such declaration, duly certified by such court, such person
24 shall hereafter be considered to be a citizen of the United
25 States by reason of his or her birth in Puerto Rico."

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By **Mr. TORRES**

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