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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 491

Submitted by the Committee on Justice on July 16, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 10098

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3371

Sponsors: Representatives Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro and Zaldy "Jecoy" S. Villa

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice, to which was referred House Bill No. 3371, introduced by Representative Zaldy "Jecoy" S. Villa, entitled:

AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MICHAEL JOHN BUTLER

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 10098 entitled:

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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3371, with Representatives Zaldy "Jecoy" S. Villa and Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

Atty. GERVILLE "JINKY BITRICS" R. LUISTRO
Chairperson
Committee on Justice

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 10098
(In substitution of House Bill No. 3371)

Introduced by Representatives Zaldy "Jecoy" S. Villa and Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro

AN ACT
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. Michael John Butler is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the
2 rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto
3 under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.
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5 SEC. 2. Michael John Butler shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the
6 Philippines before an officer duly authorized to administer the same. The Oath of Allegiance
7 shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.
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9 SEC. 3. Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall
10 issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Michael John Butler, who shall thereupon enter into
11 the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.
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13 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
14 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

**House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department**

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 10098
(In substitution of House Bill No. 3371)
(Approved by the Committee on June 1, 2026)

**"AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO
MICHAEL JOHN BUTLER "**

Introduced by: Representatives Zaldy "Jecoy" S. Villa and Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro

*Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE**
Committee Chairperson: **REP. ATTY. GERVILLE "JINKY BITRICS" R. LUISTRO***

OBJECTIVE:

To grant Philippine citizenship to Michael John Butler, a citizen of Australia born on September 22, 1941, considering that:

- he has provided jobs to 300 permanent staff in the two (2) resorts and one (1) hotel he has put up with his family and friends in Siquijor, namely, the Coco Grove Beach Resort, Apo Island Beach Resort and Coco Grande Hotel;
- he has integrated well with the local population in the forty (40) years that he has been staying in Siquijor;
- he has contributed a lot to the island of Siquijor and has received recognition for his efforts from the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Revenue Region No. 12, Bacolod City, the San Juan Citizens' League, the Provincial Government of Siquijor;
- through his skills, talent and ideas, he has provided aid to many people, including the business community in the island of Siquijor and the Province of Negros Oriental in the field of tourism and hotel hospitality;
- his commitment, dedication and love for the tourism industry in the country has brought Siquijor in the tourism map of the world.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Grants Philippine citizenship to Michael John Butler with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations, appurtenant thereto.
- Provides that upon the taking of the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized for this purpose, registration of the same with the Bureau of Immigration, and issuance of his Certificate of Naturalization, Mr. Butler shall enter upon the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

RELATED LAW:

- Article IV, Section 1(4), 1987 Constitution