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RELIEF1 AGGRAVATED FELONY DEPORTABLE/ INADMISSIBLE CRIME STOP TIME, GMC and OTHER TIME REQUIREMENTS NATURALIZATION

(Affirmative or with Request to Terminate Removal Proceedings) INA § 310, et seq., 8 USC § 1421, et seq.

AF is a permanent bar to GMC, and thus to naturalization, unless conviction is before 11/29/903 Not a bar per se, but removable applicants may be referred to removal proceedings Requires certain period (e.g., preceding three or five years) of good moral character.

GMC bars include several crimesgrounds of inadmissibility plus some bars unique to GMC.4 LPR CANCELLATION For Long-Time Lawful Permanent Residents5 INA § 240A(a), 8 USC § 1129b(a)

AUTOMATIC BAR

(For AF convictions from before April 24, 1996, or arguably April 1, 1997, see § 212(c) Relief,)

NOT A BAR 7 YEARS RESIDENCE since admission in any status; periods of unlawful status since admission count toward this. 6

The 7-year clock stops at whichever comes first: being served with a qualifying NTA7 or committing an offense referred to in 212(a)(2).⁸ Ninth Circuit held that some convictions before 4/1/97 do not stop clock.⁹

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