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S. 2679

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 23, 2019

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Citizenship for Chil-
5 dren of Military Members and Civil Servants Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FACILITATING THE AUTOMATIC ACQUISITION OF**
2 **CITIZENSHIP FOR LAWFUL PERMANENT**
3 **RESIDENT CHILDREN OF MILITARY AND FED-**
4 **ERAL GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL RESIDING**
5 **ABROAD.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 320 of the Immigration
7 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1431) is amended—

8 (1) by amending the section header to read as
9 follows: “**CHILDREN BORN OUTSIDE THE**
10 **UNITED STATES AND LAWFULLY ADMITTED**
11 **FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE; CONDITIONS**
12 **UNDER WHICH CITIZENSHIP AUTOMATICALLY**
13 **ACQUIRED**”;

14 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
15 section (d); and

16 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(c) Subsection (a)(3) shall be deemed to be satisfied
19 with respect to a child who is lawfully admitted for perma-
20 nent residence in the United States if the child—

21 “(1) is residing in the legal and physical cus-
22 tody of a citizen parent who is stationed and resid-
23 ing abroad—

24 “(A) as an employee of the Government of
25 the United States; or

1 “(B) in marital union with an employee of
2 the Government of the United States; or

3 “(2)(A) is residing in the legal and physical
4 custody of a citizen parent who—

5 “(i) is stationed and residing abroad as a
6 member of the Armed Forces of the United
7 States; or

8 “(ii) is authorized to accompany and reside
9 abroad with a member of the Armed Forces of
10 the United States pursuant to the member’s of-
11 ficial orders, and is so accompanying and resid-
12 ing abroad with the member in marital union;
13 and

14 “(B) is authorized to accompany such member
15 and reside abroad with the member pursuant to the
16 member’s official orders, and is so accompanying
17 and residing abroad with the member in the legal
18 and physical custody of the member.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
20 tents for the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
21 1101 note) is amended by striking the item relating to
22 section 320 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 320. Children born outside the United States and lawfully admitted for
permanent residence; conditions under which citizenship auto-
matically acquired.”.

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