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H. R. 4803

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

To facilitate the automatic acquisition of citizenship for lawful permanent resident children of military and Federal Government personnel residing abroad, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

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

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

11 (1) by striking the section header and inserting
12 “CHILDREN BORN OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES
13 AND LAWFULLY ADMITTED FOR PERMANENT RESI-
14 DENCE; CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH CITIZENSHIP
15 AUTOMATICALLY ACQUIRED”;

16 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
17 section (d); and

18 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(c) Subsection (a)(3) is deemed satisfied in the case
21 of a child who is lawfully admitted for permanent resi-
22 dence in the United States if—

23 “(1) the child is residing in the legal and phys-
24 ical custody of a citizen parent who is—

1 “(A) stationed and residing abroad as an
2 employee of the Government of the United
3 States; or

4 “(B) residing abroad in marital union with
5 an employee of the Government of the United
6 States who is stationed abroad; or

7 “(2) the child is—

8 “(A) residing in the legal and physical cus-
9 tody of a citizen parent who is—

10 “(i) stationed and residing abroad as
11 a member of the Armed Forces of the
12 United States; or

13 “(ii) authorized to accompany and re-
14 side abroad with a member of the Armed
15 Forces of the United States pursuant to
16 the member’s official orders, and is so ac-
17 companying and residing abroad with the
18 member in marital union; and

19 “(B) authorized to accompany such mem-
20 ber and reside abroad with the member pursu-
21 ant to the member’s official orders, and is so
22 accompanying and residing with the member.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
24 tents for the Immigration and Nationality Act is amended

1 by striking the item relating to section 320 and inserting
2 the following:

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

3 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

4 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
5 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
6 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
7 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
8 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
9 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, pro-
10 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
11 vote on passage.

Passed the House of Representatives December 3,
2019.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.