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# H. R. 4803

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 23, 2019

Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. THORNBERRY, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. BUCK, Mr. TED LIEU of California, and Mr. GALLEGRO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 striking the section header and inserting  
9 “CHILDREN BORN OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES  
10 AND LAWFULLY ADMITTED FOR PERMANENT RESI-  
11 DENCE; CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH CITIZENSHIP  
12 AUTOMATICALLY ACQUIRED”;

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

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

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

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

22 “(A) stationed and residing abroad as an  
23 employee of the Government of the United  
24 States; or

1           “(B) residing abroad in marital union with  
2           an employee of the Government of the United  
3           States who is stationed abroad; or

4           “(2) the child is—

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

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

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

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

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

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