

112TH CONGRESS
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To provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. INHOFE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Intercountry Adoption
5 Universal Accreditation Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNIVERSAL ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of title II and sec-
8 tion 404 of the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (42
9 U.S.C. 14901 et seq.), and related implementing regula-
10 tions, shall apply to any person offering or providing adop-

1 tion services in connection with a child described in section
2 101(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
3 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1)(F)), to the same extent as they apply
4 to the offering or provision of adoption services in connec-
5 tion with a Convention adoption. The Secretary of State,
6 the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General
7 (with respect to section 404(b) of the Intercountry Adop-
8 tion Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14944)), and the accrediting
9 entities shall have the duties, responsibilities, and authori-
10 ties under title II and title IV of the Intercountry Adop-
11 tion Act of 2000 and related implementing regulations
12 with respect to a person offering or providing such adop-
13 tion services, irrespective of whether such services are of-
14 fered or provided in connection with a Convention adop-
15 tion.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The provisions of this sec-
17 tion shall take effect 18 months after the date of the en-
18 actment of this Act, but shall not apply to any case in
19 which, as of such effective date—

20 (1) a petition to classify an orphan as an imme-
21 diate relative is pending or has been approved; or

22 (2) an application for advance processing of or-
23phan petition is pending or has been approved and
24 such approval has not expired.

1 **SEC. 3. AVAILABILITY OF COLLECTED FEES FOR ACCRED-**
2 **ITING ENTITIES.**

3 Section 403 of the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000
4 (42 U.S.C. 14943) is amended by striking subsection (c).

5 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act, the terms “accrediting entity”, “adoption
7 service”, “Convention adoption”, and “person” have the
8 meanings given those terms in section 3 of the Inter-
9 country Adoption Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14902).