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H. R. 5444

To prohibit the unlawful denial of any benefit to or deprivation of a right of a United States citizen by reason of age, or the immigration status of that citizen's parent or legal guardian, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 9, 2016

Mr. VEASEY (for himself, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. VELA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Fourteenth Amend-
5 ment Protection Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF UNITED STATES**
2 **CITIZENS.**

3 Notwithstanding the age of a United States citizen,
4 the immigration status of any custodial parent or legal
5 guardian of that citizen, or the ability of that parent or
6 guardian to present a document establishing his or her
7 immigration status as a lawful permanent resident, a
8 State or political subdivision thereof—

9 (1) may not deprive that citizen or the parent
10 or legal guardian acting on behalf of that citizen of
11 any benefit under Federal, State, or local law to
12 which that citizen is lawfully entitled;

13 (2) may not prohibit that citizen or the parent
14 or legal guardian acting on behalf of that citizen
15 from accessing any legal document to which that cit-
16 izen is lawfully entitled or eligible to apply for; and

17 (3) may not take any action or omit to take any
18 action and thereby subject that citizen to the depri-
19 vation of any right, privilege, or immunity secured
20 or protected by the Constitution or laws of the
21 United States.

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