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# S. 3091

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Secretary from charging a fee for a Certificate of Citizenship for a foreign-born child adopted within the United States and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9, 2010

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Adoption Fairness  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FEES FOR CERTIFICATES OF CITI-**  
2 **ZENSHIP FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN.**

3 Section 320 of the Immigration and Nationality Act  
4 (8 U.S.C. 1431) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing new subsections:

6 “(c) The Secretary of Homeland Security may not  
7 charge a fee for the issuance of a Certificate of Citizenship  
8 for a child who is adopted by a United States citizen par-  
9 ent and who is eligible for automatic citizenship under  
10 subsection (b), regardless of whether the child’s adoption  
11 was finalized in the United States or in a foreign country.

12 “(d) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall imple-  
13 ment all reasonable measures to facilitate the timely  
14 issuance of a Certificate of Citizenship for a child who is  
15 adopted by a United States citizen parent and who is eligi-  
16 ble for automatic citizenship under subsection (b).”.

17 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF**  
18 **CITIZENSHIP.**

19 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-  
20 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall  
21 submit to Congress a report—

22 (1) on the Secretary’s process for issuing Cer-  
23 tificates of Citizenship for children who are eligible  
24 for automatic citizenship under section 320(b) of the  
25 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
26 1431(b)); and

1           (2) that includes the recommendations of the  
2           Secretary to streamline, simplify, and expedite the  
3           process to ensure the timely and efficient provision  
4           of such Certificates of Citizenship.

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