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S. 692

To require that applications for passports for minors have parental signatures.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. REID introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Mikey Kale Passport
5 Notification Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC 2. PASSPORTS ISSUED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 16.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1 of title IX of the Act
8 of June 15, 1917 (22 U.S.C. 213) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “Before” and inserting “(a) IN
10 GENERAL.—Before”, and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(b) **PASSPORTS ISSUED FOR CHILDREN UNDER**
4 **16.**—

5 “(1) **SIGNATURES REQUIRED.**—In the case of a
6 child under the age of 16, the written application re-
7 quired as a prerequisite to the issuance of a passport
8 for such child shall be signed by—

9 “(A) both parents of the child if the child
10 lives with both parents;

11 “(B) the parent of the child having pri-
12 mary custody of the child if the child does not
13 live with both parents; or

14 “(C) the surviving parent (or legal guard-
15 ian) of the child, if 1 or both parents are de-
16 ceased.

17 “(2) **WAIVER.**—The Secretary of State may
18 waive the requirements of paragraph (1)(A) if the
19 Secretary determines that circumstances do not per-
20 mit obtaining the signatures of both parents.”.

21 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
22 this section shall apply to applications for passports filed
23 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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