

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4562

To sanction the parents and guardians of unaccompanied alien minors, and  
for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2021

Mr. GOODEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. BUCK, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. GAETZ, Mr.  
VAN DREW, Mr. FALLON, and Ms. HERRELL) introduced the following  
bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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alien minors, and for other purposes.

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 “Migrant Child Traf-  
5 ficking Prevention and Accountability Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. SANCTIONS.**

7 Section 235 of the William Wilberforce Trafficking  
8 Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 is amend-  
9 ed by adding at the end the following:

1       “(j) SANCTIONS.—In the case of an unaccompanied  
2 alien child who arrives at the arrived at any international  
3 border of, port of entry to, or place between any ports  
4 of entry to. the United States:

5               “(1) ALIEN PARENTS.—Any parent or guardian  
6 of the unaccompanied alien child, if that parent or  
7 guardian is an alien not described in paragraph (2),  
8 shall be—

9               “(A) permanently barred from adjusting  
10 immigration status;

11              “(B) deemed to be inadmissible for pur-  
12 poses of section 212(a)(4) of the Immigration  
13 and Nationality Act; and

14              “(C) deemed, for purposes of the immigra-  
15 tion laws, to have committed an offense de-  
16 scribed in section 101(a)(43)(N) of the Immi-  
17 gration and Nationality Act (except that for  
18 purposes of this paragraph, the limitation re-  
19 garding a first offense for which the alien has  
20 affirmatively shown that the alien committed  
21 the offense for the purpose of assisting, abet-  
22 ting, or aiding only the alien’s spouse, child, or  
23 parent (and no other individual) shall not  
24 apply).

1           “(2) LPR PARENTS.—Any parent or guardian  
2           of the unaccompanied alien child, if that parent or  
3           guardian is a lawful permanent resident, shall be in-  
4           eligible for any Federal public benefit (as such term  
5           is defined in section 401(c) of the Personal Respon-  
6           sibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of  
7           1996).”.

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