

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 698

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2019

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Child Tax Credit Eq-
5 uity for Puerto Rico Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. EQUITABLE TREATMENT FOR RESIDENTS OF PUER-**
 2 **TO RICO WITH RESPECT TO THE REFUND-**
 3 **ABLE PORTION OF THE CHILD TAX CREDIT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The second sentence of section
 5 24(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended
 6 by inserting “or section 933” after “section 112”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 8 subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after
 9 December 31, 2018.

10 **SEC. 3. SAME TREATMENT OF FAMILIES IN PUERTO RICO**
 11 **WITH ONE CHILD OR TWO CHILDREN THAT IS**
 12 **CURRENTLY PROVIDED TO ISLAND FAMILIES**
 13 **WITH THREE OR MORE CHILDREN.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 24(d)(1) of the Internal
 15 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end
 16 the following: “In the case of an individual who is a bona
 17 fide resident of Puerto Rico during the entire taxable year,
 18 subparagraph (B)(ii) shall be applied by substituting ‘1
 19 or more qualifying children’ for ‘3 or more qualifying chil-
 20 dren’.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 22 subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after
 23 December 31, 2018.

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