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To amend title 18, United States Code, to remove knowledge of age as an element of the offense for the sex trafficking of children or by force, fraud, or coercion.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2013

Mr. VARGAS (for himself, Mr. LAMALFA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. ENYART, Ms. BASS, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. RUSH, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. HONDA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. TAKANO, and Mr. PETERS of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Child Protection Act of 2013'' or as ''Hazel's Law''.

SEC. 2. KNOWLEDGE OF AGE NOT REQUIRED FOR SEX TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN OR BY FORCE, FRAUD, OR COERCION.

Section 1591(c) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking ''in which the defendant had a reasonable opportunity to observe the person so recruited, enticed, harbored, transported, provided, obtained or maintained''; and

(2) by inserting ''so recruited, enticed, harbored, transported, provided, obtained or maintained'' after ''the Government need not prove that the defendant knew that the person''.

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