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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORBES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Parental Title Protec-
5 tion Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. DESCRIPTION REQUIREMENT.**

7 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Each Federal agency, con-
8 tractor (or subcontractor at any tier) pursuant to a con-

1 tract with such agency, or government-sponsored enter-
2 prise shall use the words “mother” and “father” when de-
3 scribing parents, and not the words “parent 1” or “parent
4 2” (or other similar words), in all official documents
5 issued by the agency, contractor, or enterprise.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “Federal
8 agency” has the meaning given the term “Executive
9 agency” by section 105 of title 5, United States
10 Code.

11 (2) OFFICIAL DOCUMENT.—The term “official
12 document” means any document issued by a Federal
13 agency, contractor (or subcontractor at any tier)
14 pursuant to a contract with such agency, or govern-
15 ment-sponsored enterprise, including any form that
16 is completed by an applicant.

17 (c) APPLICABILITY.—

18 (1) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.—The require-
19 ments of this section shall apply to all official docu-
20 ments issued by a Federal agency or government-
21 sponsored enterprise before, on, or after the date of
22 the enactment of this Act.

23 (2) GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS.—The re-
24 quirements of this section shall be implemented with
25 respect to contracts entered into on or after the date

1 occurring 6 months after the date of the enactment
2 of this Act.

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