

110TH CONGRESS
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S. 840

To amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2007

Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) 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 “Torture Victims Relief
5 Reauthorization Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States—

1 (1) to ensure that, in providing United States
2 support abroad for programs and centers for the
3 treatment of victims of torture, particular incentives
4 and support should be given to establishing and sup-
5 porting such programs and centers in emerging de-
6 mocracies, in post-conflict environments, and, with a
7 view to providing services to refugees and internally
8 displaced persons, in areas as close to ongoing con-
9 flicts as safely as possible; and

10 (2) to ensure that, in providing United States
11 support for domestic programs and centers for the
12 treatment of victims of torture, particular attention
13 should be given to regions with significant immi-
14 grant or refugee populations.

15 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOMES-**
16 **TIC TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF**
17 **TORTURE.**

18 Section 5(b)(1) of the Torture Victims Relief Act of
19 1998 (Public Law 105–320; 22 U.S.C. 2152 note) is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
22 the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the
23 Department of Health and Human Services for fis-
24 cal years 2008 and 2009, there are authorized to be
25 appropriated to carry out subsection (a)

1 \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 and
2 2009.”.

3 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOR-**
4 **EIGN TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF**
5 **TORTURE.**

6 Section 4(b)(1) of the Torture Victims Relief Act of
7 1998 (Public Law 105–320; 22 U.S.C. 2152 note) is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
10 the amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
11 years 2008 and 2009 pursuant to chapter 1 of part
12 I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, there are
13 authorized to be appropriated to the President to
14 carry out section 130 of such Act \$12,000,000 for
15 each of fiscal years 2008 and 2009.”.

16 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE**
17 **UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION TO THE**
18 **UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR**
19 **VICTIMS OF TORTURE.**

20 Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for fis-
21 cal years 2008 and 2009 pursuant to chapter 3 of part
22 I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, there are author-
23 ized to be appropriated to the President for a voluntary
24 contribution to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for

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- 1 Victims of Torture \$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years
- 2 2008 and 2009.

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