

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1511

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. STARK, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FILNER, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. WALZ, and Mr. BILBRAY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Torture Victims Relief
3 Reauthorization Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOMES-**
5 **TIC TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF**
6 **TORTURE.**

7 Section 5(b)(1) of the Torture Victims Relief Act of
8 1998 (22 U.S.C. 2152 note) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
10 the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the
11 Department of Health and Human Services for fis-
12 cal years 2010 and 2011, there are authorized to be
13 appropriated to carry out subsection (a)
14 \$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 and
15 2011.”.

16 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOR-**
17 **EIGN TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF**
18 **TORTURE.**

19 Section 4(b)(1) of the Torture Victims Relief Act of
20 1998 (22 U.S.C. 2152 note) is amended to read as follows:

21 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
22 the amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
23 years 2010 and 2011 pursuant to chapter 1 of part
24 I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, there are
25 authorized to be appropriated to the President to

1 carry out section 130 of such Act \$12,000,000 for
2 each of the fiscal years 2010 and 2011.”.

3 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE**
4 **UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION TO THE**
5 **UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR**
6 **VICTIMS OF TORTURE.**

7 Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for fis-
8 cal years 2010 and 2011 pursuant to chapter 3 of part
9 I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, there are author-
10 ized to be appropriated to the President for a voluntary
11 contribution to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for
12 Victims of Torture \$12,000,000 for each of the fiscal
13 years 2010 and 2011.

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