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H. R. 708

To restrict assistance to foreign organizations that perform or actively promote abortions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. STUPAK, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To restrict assistance to foreign organizations that perform or actively promote abortions.

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. RESTRICTION ON ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN OR-**
4 **GANIZATIONS THAT PERFORM OR ACTIVELY**
5 **PROMOTE ABORTIONS.**

6 Section 104 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
7 (22 U.S.C. 2151b) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
9 section (h); and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(g) RESTRICTION ON ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN OR-
4 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PERFORM OR ACTIVELY PROMOTE
5 ABORTIONS.—

6 “(1) PERFORMANCE OF ABORTIONS.—(A) Not-
7 withstanding any other provision of law, no funds
8 appropriated for population planning activities or
9 other population assistance may be made available
10 for any foreign private, nongovernmental, or multi-
11 lateral organization until the organization certifies
12 that it will not, during the period for which the
13 funds are made available, perform abortions in any
14 foreign country, except where the life of the mother
15 would be endangered if the pregnancy were carried
16 to term or in cases of forcible rape or incest.

17 “(B) Subparagraph (A) may not be construed
18 to apply to the treatment of injuries or illnesses
19 caused by legal or illegal abortions or to assistance
20 provided directly to the government of a country.

21 “(2) LOBBYING ACTIVITIES.—(A) Notwith-
22 standing any other provision of law, no funds appro-
23 priated for population planning activities or other
24 population assistance may be made available for any
25 foreign private, nongovernmental, or multilateral or-

1 organization until the organization certifies that it will
2 not, during the period for which the funds are made
3 available, violate the laws of any foreign country
4 concerning the circumstances under which abortion
5 is permitted, regulated, or prohibited, or engage in
6 any activity or effort to alter the laws or govern-
7 mental policies of any foreign country concerning the
8 circumstances under which abortion is permitted,
9 regulated, or prohibited.

10 “(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to ac-
11 tivities in opposition to coercive abortion or involun-
12 tary sterilization.

13 “(3) APPLICABILITY.—The prohibitions of this
14 subsection apply to funds made available to a for-
15 eign organization either directly or as a subcon-
16 tractor or subgrantee, and the required certifications
17 apply to activities in which the organization engages
18 either directly or through a subcontractor or sub-
19 grantee.”.

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