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S. 266

To provide for the inclusion of Israel in the visa waiver program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 7, 2013

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. HATCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Visa Waiver for Israel
5 Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. ISRAEL DESIGNATED AS A PROGRAM COUNTRY FOR**
7 **VISA WAIVER PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date described
9 in section 3, Israel shall be deemed a program country

1 for purposes of section 217 of the Immigration and Na-
2 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187).

3 (b) EXEMPTION FROM APPLICATION OF CERTAIN
4 REQUIREMENTS.—In the case of Israel, section
5 217(c)(2)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
6 U.S.C. 1187(c)(2)(A)) does not apply.

7 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS.**

8 The date described in this section is the date on
9 which the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation
10 with the Secretary of State, determines that the Govern-
11 ment of Israel has complied with the following:

12 (1) The Government of Israel has complied with
13 all of the requirements under section 217(c)(2) of
14 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
15 1187), except the requirement referenced in section
16 2(b) of this Act.

17 (2) The Government of Israel has made every
18 reasonable effort, without jeopardizing the security
19 of the State of Israel, to ensure that reciprocal privi-
20 leges are extended to all United States citizens.

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