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H. R. 147

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JONES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Congressional Foreign
5 Travel Cost Disclosure Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DETERMINATION AND DISCLOSURE OF TRANSPOR-**
2 **TATION COSTS INCURRED BY SECRETARY OF**
3 **DEFENSE FOR CONGRESSIONAL TRIPS OUT-**
4 **SIDE THE UNITED STATES.**

5 (a) DETERMINATION AND DISCLOSURE OF COSTS BY
6 SECRETARY.—In the case of a trip taken by a Member,
7 officer, or employee of the House of Representatives or
8 Senate in carrying out official duties outside the United
9 States for which the Department of Defense provides
10 transportation, the Secretary of Defense shall—

11 (1) determine the cost of the transportation
12 provided with respect to the Member, officer, or em-
13 ployee;

14 (2) not later than 10 days after completion of
15 the trip involved, provide a written statement of the
16 cost—

17 (A) to the Member, officer, or employee in-
18 volved, and

19 (B) to the Committee on Armed Services
20 of the House of Representatives (in the case of
21 a trip taken by a Member, officer, or employee
22 of the House) or the Committee on Armed
23 Services of the Senate (in the case of a trip
24 taken by a Member, officer, or employee of the
25 Senate); and

1 (3) upon providing a written statement under
 2 paragraph (2), make the statement available for
 3 viewing on the Secretary’s official public website
 4 until the expiration of the 4-year period which be-
 5 gins on the final day of the trip involved.

6 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not apply with
 7 respect to any trip the sole purpose of which is to visit
 8 one or more United States military installations or to visit
 9 United States military personnel in a war zone (or both).

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) MEMBER.—The term “Member”, with re-
 12 spect to the House of Representatives, includes a
 13 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

14 (2) UNITED STATES.—The term “United
 15 States” means the several States, the District of Co-
 16 lumbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Com-
 17 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the
 18 Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and any
 19 other territory or possession of the United States.

20 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 Section 2 shall apply with respect to trips taken on
 22 or after the date of the enactment of this Act, except that
 23 section 2 does not apply with respect to any trip which
 24 began prior to such date.

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