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H. R. 4267

To provide that no penalty may be imposed on a State for refusing to expend refugee resettlement assistance funds on certain refugees, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2015

Mr. COLLINS of New York (for himself, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. BUCSHON, and Mr. LATTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide that no penalty may be imposed on a State for refusing to expend refugee resettlement assistance funds on certain refugees, and for other purposes.

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 “Resettlement RE-
5 FORM (Re-Evaluation of Financing Our Refugee Mis-
6 sion) Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NO PENALTY FOR REFUSAL TO EXPEND REFUGEE**
2 **ASSISTANCE FUNDS ON CERTAIN REFUGEES.**

3 Section 412 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
4 (8 U.S.C. 1522) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(g) LIMITATION.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
8 provision of this section, a State, without penalty
9 under this section or any other provision of law, may
10 refuse to expend funds received under this section
11 with respect to an alien described in paragraph (2),
12 except that a State may not refuse to expend such
13 funds with respect to an alien described in section
14 1244(b) of the Refugee Crisis in Iraq Act of 2007
15 (8 U.S.C. 1157 note).

16 “(2) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—An alien is de-
17 scribed in this paragraph if the alien—

18 “(A) is a national of a country that is a
19 state sponsor of terrorism or a terrorist sanc-
20 tuary; or

21 “(B) has no nationality and the country in
22 which the alien last habitually resided is a state
23 sponsor of terrorism or a terrorist sanctuary.

24 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

25 “(A) STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM.—

26 The term ‘state sponsor of terrorism’ means

1 any country the government of which the Sec-
2 retary of State has determined has repeatedly
3 provided support for international terrorism
4 pursuant to—

5 “(i) section 6(j) of the Export Admin-
6 istration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App.
7 2405);

8 “(ii) section 620A of the Foreign As-
9 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371); or

10 “(iii) section 40 of the Arms Export
11 Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780).

12 “(B) **TERRORIST SANCTUARY.**—The term
13 ‘terrorist sanctuary’ has the meaning given the
14 term in section 140(d)(5) of the Foreign Rela-
15 tions Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1988 and
16 1989 (22 U.S.C. 2656f (d)(5)).”.

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