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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2016

Mr. BRAT introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Religious Freedom
5 International Reciprocity Enhancement Act” or the “Reli-
6 gious FIRE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECIPROCITY ENFORCEMENT REGARDING RELI-**
2 **GIUS FREEDOM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for a foreign
4 national of a country that limits the free exercise of reli-
5 gion in that country to make any expenditure in the
6 United States to promote a religion.

7 (b) FORFEITURE.—Any asset consisting of such an
8 expenditure or the proceeds of such an expenditure is sub-
9 ject to forfeiture to the United States. The Attorney Gen-
10 eral may, upon probable cause, seize any such asset and
11 in a civil action obtain its forfeiture to the United States.

12 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

13 (1) the term “country that limits the free exer-
14 cise of religion” means a country designated as such
15 by the Secretary of State acting through the Assist-
16 ant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and
17 Labor; and

18 (2) the term “expenditure to promote a reli-
19 gion” includes the funding and practice of religious
20 services, religious education, evangelical outreach,
21 and publication and dissemination of religious lit-
22 erature.

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