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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALVERT (for himself, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. KNIGHT, and Mr. HUNTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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and Iraqi 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 “Secure Accountability
5 for Emigres and Refugees Act of 2017” or the “SAFER
6 Act of 2017”.

7 **SEC. 2. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SYRIAN AND IRAQI**
8 **REFUGEES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Prior to admitting to the United
10 States as a refugee under section 207 of the Immigration

1 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157) a covered alien, the
2 Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the
3 Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the
4 Director of National Intelligence, shall ensure that the
5 covered alien—

6 (1) has taken and passed a lie detector test, as
7 determined by the Secretary;

8 (2) has submitted to the Secretary biometric
9 identification information, including DNA, which the
10 Secretary has compared against all relevant data-
11 bases and determined that the covered alien has no
12 known history of engaging in terrorist activity (as
13 such term is defined in section 212(a)(3)(B)(iv) of
14 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
15 1182(a)(3)(B)(iv))); and

16 (3) does not pose a threat to the national secu-
17 rity of the United States based on a background
18 check that the Secretary conducts, which includes a
19 review of the covered alien's interactions on and
20 posting of material to the Internet (including social
21 media services), and for purposes of which, the alien
22 has submitted to the Secretary such information as
23 the Secretary determines necessary.

1 (b) COVERED ALIEN.—The term “covered alien”
2 means an alien applying for admission to the United
3 States as a refugee who—

4 (1) is a national of Iraq or Syria;

5 (2) has no nationality and whose last habitual
6 residence was in Iraq or Syria; or

7 (3) has been present in Iraq or Syria at any
8 time on or after March 1, 2011.

9 (c) SUNSET.—This Act shall cease to have effect on
10 the date that is 10 years after the date of the enactment
11 of this Act.

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