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S. 210

To prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 2017

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COONS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. NELSON, Mr. CASEY, and Mrs. MCCASKILL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Global Health, Em-
3 powerment and Rights Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE FOR FOREIGN NONGOVERNMENTAL**
5 **ORGANIZATIONS UNDER PART I OF THE FOR-**
6 **IGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.**

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, regula-
8 tion, or policy, in determining eligibility for assistance au-
9 thorized under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of
10 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.), foreign nongovernmental
11 organizations—

12 (1) shall not be ineligible for such assistance
13 solely on the basis of health or medical services, in-
14 cluding counseling and referral services, provided by
15 such organizations with non-United States Govern-
16 ment funds if such services do not violate the laws
17 of the country in which they are being provided and
18 would not violate United States Federal law if pro-
19 vided in the United States; and

20 (2) shall not be subject to requirements relating
21 to the use of non-United States Government funds
22 for advocacy and lobbying activities other than those
23 that apply to United States nongovernmental organi-
24 zations receiving assistance under part I of such
25 Act.