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H. R. 2229

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a natural disaster.

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 “First Responders Pass-
3 port Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. PASSPORTS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (a) of section 1 of the
6 Act of June 4, 1920 (22 U.S.C. 214; 41 Stat. 750; com-
7 monly referred to as the “Passport Act of 1920”), is
8 amended, in the third sentence, by inserting after “to at-
9 tend a funeral or memorial service for such member;” the
10 following: “at the discretion of the Secretary, from an in-
11 dividual, including a volunteer, who is operating under a
12 contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the United
13 States Government to proceed abroad within the first 7
14 days after a natural disaster to aid a foreign country suf-
15 fering from such natural disaster;”.

16 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 90 days after the end
17 of the first full fiscal year after the date of the enactment
18 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the
19 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
20 tives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
21 ate a report on the number of waivers of fees for the exe-
22 cution and issuance of passports to first responders under
23 section 1 of the Act of June 4, 1920, as amended by sub-
24 section (a) of this section, for such fiscal year.

