

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4685

To prohibit assistance to foreign governments that violate human rights with respect to religious freedom.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To prohibit assistance to foreign governments that violate human rights with respect to religious freedom.

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. IDENTIFICATION OF COUNTRIES WITH LAWS**

4 **IMPOSING SEVERE CRIMINAL PENALTIES**

5 **FOR APOSTASY, BLASPHEMY, OR INTER-**

6 **FAITH.**

7 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act, the President shall submit a report to
9 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and
10 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-

1 representatives that lists each foreign government that the
2 President determines, based on credible information, im-
3 poses a death sentence or life imprisonment on the basis
4 of—

5 (1) anti-apostasy laws that explicitly prohibit
6 disaffiliation from a particular religion;

7 (2) anti-blasphemy laws; or

8 (3) laws prohibiting marriage between individ-
9 uals of different religious faiths.

10 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN GOV-**
11 **ERNMENTS THAT VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS**
12 **WITH RESPECT TO RELIGION.**

13 The United States Government is prohibited from ob-
14 ligating or expending any Federal funds to provide assist-
15 ance to the government of any country identified in the
16 report submitted by the President pursuant to section 1.

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