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To require United States persons visiting or residing in highly dangerous foreign countries to register with the Department of State, and for other purposes.

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Mr. SHERMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Secure American For-
5 eign Evacuation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIST OF HIGHLY DANGEROUS FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall sub-

1 mit to Congress a list of foreign countries or parts thereof
2 that meet one or more of the following conditions:

3 (1) The foreign country is a country the gov-
4 ernment of which the Secretary of State determines
5 has repeatedly provided support for international
6 terrorism pursuant to—

7 (A) section 1754(e)(1)(A) of the Export
8 Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.
9 4318(c)(1)(A));

10 (B) section 620A of the Foreign Assistance
11 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

12 (C) section 40 of the Arms Export Control
13 Act (22 U.S.C. 2780); or

14 (D) any other provision of law.

15 (2) The foreign country is a country in which
16 the United States has deployed armed forces that
17 are engaged in hostilities as defined by the War
18 Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.).

19 (3) The President has made determination that
20 the foreign country or any part thereof is very haz-
21 ardous, based on the potential for violence and
22 armed conflict in the country or part thereof, and
23 there is a high probability that United States per-
24 sons visiting or residing in such country or part
25 thereof will need to be evacuated.

1 (b) REFERENCE.—A foreign country or part thereof
2 included on the list required by subsection (a) shall be des-
3 ignated as a “Highly Dangerous Foreign Country” for
4 purposes of this Act.

5 (c) UPDATES.—The President shall submit to Con-
6 gress an updated list under subsection (a)—

7 (1) not later than 180 days after the date of
8 the enactment of this Act and every 180 days there-
9 after; and

10 (2) as new information becomes available.

11 **SEC. 3. REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR UNITED STATES PER-**
12 **SONS VISITING OR RESIDING IN HIGHLY DAN-**
13 **GEROUS FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall re-
15 quire a United States person intending to visit or reside
16 in a Highly Dangerous Foreign Country to register with
17 the Department of State under existing protocols and to
18 meet the requirements described in subsection (b).

19 (b) REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED.—A United States
20 person intending to visit or reside in a Highly Dangerous
21 Foreign Country shall meet the following requirements:

22 (1) The person shall notify the Department of
23 State of the proposed visit or residence not later
24 than 5 days after the person’s departure from the

1 United States or another foreign country for pur-
2 poses of undertaking the visit or residence.

3 (2) If the person violates the requirement of
4 paragraph (1), the Secretary of State shall impose
5 and collect a fee of \$500 from the person—

6 (A) as soon as practicable after the viola-
7 tion occurs; or

8 (B) at the time of renewal of the person's
9 United States passport.

10 (c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of State may adopt reg-
11 ulations to waive the fee required under subsection (b)(2)
12 in extraordinary circumstances.

13 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE; TRANSITION PROVISIONS.—

14 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section takes ef-
15 fect on the date of the enactment of this Act and ap-
16 plies with respect to any United States person in-
17 tending to visit or reside in a Highly Dangerous
18 Foreign Country after the date that is 60 days after
19 such date of enactment.

20 (2) TRANSITION PROVISIONS.—Any United
21 States person—

22 (A) visiting or residing in a Highly Dan-
23 gerous Foreign Country before the date de-
24 scribed in paragraph (1) shall register with the
25 Department of State under existing protocols

1 and meet the requirements of subsection (b) not
2 later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act; and

4 (B) visiting or residing in a Highly Dan-
5 gerous Foreign Country that is included on the
6 list required by section 2(a) after the date de-
7 scribed in paragraph (1) shall register with the
8 Department of State under existing protocols
9 and meet the requirements of subsection (b) not
10 later than 6 days after the date on which the
11 Country is included on the list.

12 **SEC. 4. PRIORITY IN EVACUATING UNITED STATES PER-**
13 **SONS FROM HIGHLY DANGEROUS FOREIGN**
14 **COUNTRIES.**

15 The United States Government shall, when evacu-
16 ating United States persons from a Highly Dangerous
17 Foreign Country, give priority to those United States per-
18 sons who have complied with the requirements of section
19 3.

20 **SEC. 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

21 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
22 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to Con-
23 gress a report on the registration system for United States
24 persons visiting or residing in highly dangerous foreign

1 countries described in section 3 and how to improve the
2 system in the future.

3 **SEC. 6. UNITED STATES PERSON DEFINED.**

4 In this Act, the term “United States person” means
5 a United States citizen or alien admitted for permanent
6 residence to the United States.

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