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H. R. 7458

To establish a procedure for terminating the suspension of entries and imports from designated places related to the COVID–19 pandemic.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOLDEN (for himself, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. O’HALLERAN, Mr. PAPPAS, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BACON, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. STANTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Public Health and Bor-
5 der Security Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF SUSPENSION OF ENTRIES AND**
2 **IMPORTS FROM DESIGNATED PLACES RE-**
3 **LATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—An order of suspension described
5 in subsection (b) shall not be lifted before the date that
6 is 60 days after the date on which the Secretary of Health
7 and Human Services provides written notification to the
8 appropriate authorizing and appropriating committees of
9 Congress that the public health emergency declaration de-
10 scribed in subsection (b) has been terminated.

11 (b) ORDER OF SUSPENSION DESCRIBED.—An order
12 of suspension described in this subsection is an order of
13 suspension issued under section 362 of the Public Health
14 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 265) as a result of the public
15 health emergency declaration relating to the Coronavirus
16 Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic under section 319
17 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) made on January 31, 2020,
18 including any renewal of such declaration.

19 (c) PROCEDURES DURING 60-DAY TERMINATION
20 WINDOW.—

21 (1) PLAN.—Not later than 30 days after the
22 date on which a written notification is provided
23 under subsection (a) with respect to an order of sus-
24 pension described in subsection (b), the Secretary of
25 Health and Human Services, in consultation with
26 the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the head of

1 any Federal agency, State, local, or Tribal govern-
2 ment, and nongovernmental organization that has a
3 role in managing outcomes associated with the sus-
4 pension, as determined by the Secretary of Health
5 and Human Services, shall develop and submit to
6 the appropriate authorizing and appropriating com-
7 mittees of Congress a plan to address any possible
8 influx of entries or imports related to the termi-
9 nation of such order.

10 (2) FAILURE TO SUBMIT.—If a plan under
11 paragraph (1) is not submitted to the appropriate
12 authorizing and appropriating committees of Con-
13 gress within the 30-day period described in such
14 paragraph, not later than 7 days after the expiration
15 of such 30-day period, the Secretary of Health and
16 Human Services—

17 (A) shall notify such committees of Con-
18 gress, in writing, of the status of preparing
19 such a plan and the timing for submission as
20 required under paragraph (1); and

21 (B) delay the termination of an order of
22 suspension described in subsection (b) until the
23 date that is 30 days after the date on which
24 such plan is submitted to such committees.

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