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To designate residents of South Africa as Priority 2 refugees of special humanitarian concern, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEHLS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To designate residents of South Africa as Priority 2 refugees of special humanitarian concern, and for other purposes.

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 “Asylum for Farmers
5 and Refugees In Krsis And Necessary Emigration Reset-
6 tlement Act” or the “AFRIKANER Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN RESIDENTS OF SOUTH**
8 **AFRICA AS PRIORITY 2 REFUGEES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in con-
10 sultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall

1 designate as Priority 2 refugees of special humanitarian
2 concern the following categories of aliens:

3 (1) Residents of South Africa who are members
4 of the Caucasian minority group and have suffered
5 persecution, or have a well-founded fear of persecu-
6 tion, on account of their race, ethnicity, or ancestry.

7 (2) The spouses, children, and parents (as such
8 terms are defined in subsections (a) and (b) of sec-
9 tion 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
10 U.S.C. 1101)) of individuals described in paragraph
11 (1), except such parents who are citizens of a coun-
12 try other than South Africa.

13 (b) PROCESSING OF SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEES.—
14 The processing of individuals described in subsection (a)
15 for classification as refugees may occur in South Africa
16 or in a third country.

17 (c) ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION AS REFUGEES.—An
18 alien may not be denied the opportunity to apply for ad-
19 mission as a refugee under this section primarily because
20 such alien—

21 (1) qualifies as an immediate relative of a cit-
22 izen of the United States; or

23 (2) is eligible for admission to the United
24 States under any other immigrant classification.

1 (d) FACILITATION OF ADMISSIONS.—An applicant
2 for admission to the United States from South Africa may
3 not be denied primarily on the basis of a politically moti-
4 vated arrest, detention, or other adverse government ac-
5 tion taken against such applicant as a result of the appli-
6 cant’s race, ethnicity, or ancestry.

7 (e) EXCLUSION FROM NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—
8 Aliens provided refugee status under this section shall not
9 be counted against any numerical limitation under section
10 201, 202, 203, or 207 of the Immigration and Nationality
11 Act (8 U.S.C. 1151, 1152, 1153, or 1157).

12 (f) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
15 every 90 days thereafter, the Secretary of State and
16 the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit a
17 report on the matters described in paragraph (2)
18 to—

19 (A) the Committee on the Judiciary and
20 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
21 ate; and

22 (B) the Committee on the Judiciary and
23 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
24 of Representatives.

1 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Each report
2 required by paragraph (1) shall include—

3 (A) the total number of applications that
4 are pending at the end of the reporting period;

5 (B) the average wait-times for all appli-
6 cants who are, as of the date of the report,
7 awaiting—

8 (i) employment verification;

9 (ii) a prescreening interview with a re-
10 settlement support center;

11 (iii) an interview with U.S. Citizen-
12 ship and Immigration Services; and

13 (iv) the completion of security checks;

14 and

15 (C) the number of denials of applications
16 for refugee status, disaggregated by the reason
17 for each such denial.

18 (3) FORM.—Each report required by paragraph
19 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may
20 include a classified annex.

21 (4) PUBLIC REPORTS.—The Secretary of State
22 shall make each report submitted under this sub-
23 section available to the public on the internet website
24 of the Department of State.

1 (g) SATISFACTION OF OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—
2 Aliens granted status under this section as Priority 2 refu-
3 gees of special humanitarian concern under the refugee
4 resettlement priority system shall be considered to satisfy
5 the requirements under section 207 of the Immigration
6 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157) for admission to the
7 United States.

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