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H. R. 3999

To require that the Secretary of Homeland Security certify that refugees admitted to the United States from Iraq or Syria are not security threats to the United States prior to admission.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUDSON (for himself, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. WEST-MORELAND, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. BLUM, Mr. EMMER of Minnesota, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. JOYCE, Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. GOWDY, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. HOLDING, Mr. LONG, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. JONES, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. FLORES, Mr. YOHO, Mr. LOUDERMILK, and Mr. MCCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “American Security
3 Against Foreign Enemies Act of 2015” or as the “Amer-
4 ican SAFE Act of 2015”.

5 **SEC. 2. REVIEW OF REFUGEES TO IDENTIFY SECURITY**
6 **THREATS TO THE UNITED STATES.**

7 (a) CERTIFICATION.—A covered refugee may not be
8 admitted to the United States until the Secretary of
9 Homeland Security, in consultation with the Attorney
10 General, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
11 tion, and the Director of National Intelligence, certifies
12 to Congress that that covered refugee is not a security
13 threat to the United States.

14 (b) FBI BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.—The Direc-
15 tor of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall take all
16 actions necessary to ensure that each covered refugee re-
17 ceives a thorough background investigation prior to admis-
18 sion. A covered refugee may not be admitted until the Di-
19 rector certifies that that covered refugee has received such
20 a background investigation.

21 (c) INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW OF CERTIFI-
22 CATIONS.—The Inspector General of the Department of
23 Homeland Security shall review 20 percent of all certifi-
24 cations made under subsection (a) each fiscal year.

1 (d) COVERED REFUGEE DEFINED.—The term “cov-
2 ered refugee” means any alien applying for refugee sta-
3 tus—

4 (1) who is a national or resident of Iraq;

5 (2) who is a national or resident of Syria; or

6 (3) who is present in Iraq or Syria at any time

7 while the application for refugee status is pending.

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