

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1670

To amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2015

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Torture Victims Relief
5 Reauthorization Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOMES-**
2 **TIC TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF**
3 **TORTURE.**

4 Section 5(b)(1) of the Torture Victims Relief Act of
5 1998 (22 U.S.C. 2152 note) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
7 the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the
8 Department of Health and Human Services for fis-
9 cal years 2016 and 2017, there are authorized to be
10 appropriated to carry out subsection (a)
11 \$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2016 and
12 2017.”.

13 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOR-**
14 **EIGN TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF**
15 **TORTURE.**

16 Section 4(b)(1) of the Torture Victims Relief Act of
17 1998 (22 U.S.C. 2152 note) is amended to read as follows:

18 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
19 the amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal
20 years 2016 and 2017 pursuant to chapter 1 of part
21 I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, there are
22 authorized to be appropriated to the President to
23 carry out section 130 of such Act \$12,000,000 for
24 each of the fiscal years 2016 and 2017.”.

1 **SEC. 4. SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF-**
2 **FICERS.**

3 Section 7 of the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998
4 (22 U.S.C. 2152 note) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
6 paragraph (1), by inserting “through the Foreign
7 Service Institute” after “foreign service officers”;
8 and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 section:

11 “(c) REPORT.—The Secretary of State shall submit
12 to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and
13 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives an annual report on the implementation of
15 subsection (a) for the preceding year, including a descrip-
16 tion of training on victims of torture for foreign service
17 officers and the number of foreign service officers
18 trained.”.

19 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON VICTIMS OF TORTURE WHO ENTER THE**
20 **UNITED STATES.**

21 The Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee
22 on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee
23 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives an an-
24 nual report on the percentage and number of identified
25 victims of torture who are approved to enter the United

1 States as refugees and their initial placement in the
2 United States.

3 **SEC. 6. GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FOR INDIGENOUS FOR-**
4 **EIGN TREATMENT CENTERS AND PROGRAMS**
5 **FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the United
7 States Agency for International Development shall provide
8 guidance and support for indigenous foreign treatment
9 centers and programs for victims of torture in order to
10 increase the capacity of such centers and programs and
11 to train other local health care providers, including hos-
12 pitals, clinics and other health treatment facilities.

13 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the
14 amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years
15 2016 and 2017 to carry out section 130 of the Foreign
16 Assistance Act of 1961, there are authorized to be appro-
17 priated to the Administrator such sums as may be nec-
18 essary to carry out subsection (a) for each of the fiscal
19 years 2016 and 2017.

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