

115TH CONGRESS
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S. 211

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit the Governor of a State to reject the resettlement of a refugee in that State unless there is adequate assurance that the alien does not present a security risk, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 2017

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “State Refugee Security
5 Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF STATES TO REJECT RESETTLEMENT**
2 **OF REFUGEES.**

3 Section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
4 (8 U.S.C. 1157) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(g) The Office of Refugee Resettlement shall notify
7 the State agency responsible for coordinating the place-
8 ment or resettlement of an alien eligible to be admitted
9 to the United States under this section not later than 21
10 days before the arrival of such alien in the State.

11 “(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an
12 alien eligible to be admitted to the United States under
13 this section may not be placed or resettled in a State if
14 the Governor of that State certifies to the Director of the
15 Office of Refugee Resettlement that the Director has
16 failed, in the sole determination of the Governor, to pro-
17 vide adequate assurance that the alien does not present
18 a security risk to the State.”.

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