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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2019

Mr. McCAUL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Repatriation Assist-
3 ance Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY ASSISTANCE**
5 **TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS FOR CERTAIN**
6 **FOREIGN COUNTRY OPERATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle C of title IV of the
8 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 231 et seq.)
9 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

10 **“SEC. 437. HOMELAND SECURITY ASSISTANCE.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, with the concur-
12 rence of the Secretary of State, may provide to a foreign
13 government financial assistance for foreign country oper-
14 ations to address individuals who may pose a national se-
15 curity, border security, or terrorist threat to the United
16 States before such a threat reaches the United States.

17 “(b) DETERMINATION.—Assistance provided under
18 subsection (a) may be provided if such assistance would
19 enhance the recipient government’s capacity to mitigate
20 a threat described in such subsection, including through
21 related detention or removal operations by the recipient
22 government and procedures to screen and provide protec-
23 tion for certain individuals, as appropriate.

24 “(c) REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.—The Sec-
25 retary may, if appropriate, seek reimbursement from the

1 receiving foreign government for the provision of financial
2 assistance under this section.

3 “(d) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—The authority provided
4 under this section shall remain in effect until September
5 30, 2023.

6 “(e) DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAM EXECUTION.—
7 The Secretary and the Secretary of State shall jointly de-
8 velop and implement any financial assistance under this
9 section.

10 “(f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
11 tion may be construed as affecting, augmenting, or dimin-
12 ishing the authority of the Secretary of State.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
14 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
15 amended by striking the items relating to sections 435 and
16 436 and adding the following new items:

“Sec. 435. Maritime operations coordination plan.

“Sec. 436. Maritime security capabilities assessments.

“Sec. 437. Homeland security assistance.”.

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