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To require the Secretary of State to notify Congress when the security clearances of certain senior members of the Department of State are suspended or revoked, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MAST (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, and Mr. ISSA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 Department Se-
5 curity Notification Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION OF SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF**
2 **CLEARANCES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each covered offi-
4 cial whose security clearance is suspended or revoked, the
5 Secretary of State shall—

6 (1) submit to the appropriate congressional
7 committees a notification, not later than 15 days
8 after the suspension or revocation of such clearance,
9 that identifies the individual whose clearance was so
10 suspended or revoked; and

11 (2) brief the appropriate congressional commit-
12 tees not later than 30 days after such suspension or
13 revocation on—

14 (A) the documentation notifying the indi-
15 vidual of the suspension or revocation of the
16 clearance; and

17 (B) the present employment status and
18 conditions of such individual.

19 (b) COVERED OFFICIAL DEFINED.—For purposes of
20 the notification requirement under subsection (a), the
21 term “covered official” means any of the following:

22 (1) Any individual holding a position at or high-
23 er than the level of Assistant Secretary or its equiva-
24 lent in the Department of State.

1 (2) Any individual holding the position of chief
2 of mission or principal officer at any diplomatic or
3 consular post.

4 (3) Any individual holding the rank and status
5 of an ambassador or otherwise holding a position
6 that reports directly to the Secretary of State, such
7 as a special envoy.

8 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
9 FINED.—For purposes of this section, the term “appro-
10 priate congressional committees” means the Committee on
11 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
12 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

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