

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4157

To amend title 18, United States Code, to require that Bureau of Prisons help Federal prisoners who are being released to obtain appropriate ID to facilitate their reentry into society, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 26, 2017

Mr. TAKANO (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. RASKIN, and Mr. EVANS) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Restoring Identity and
5 Dignity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REENTRY ASSISTANCE FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS.**

7 Section 4042(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraph (D) as para-
2 graph (6), and redesignating subparagraphs (i) and
3 (ii) of that paragraph as subparagraphs (A) and (B)
4 respectively;

5 (2) by redesignating paragraph (E) as para-
6 graph (7), and redesignating subparagraphs (i)
7 through (vii) of that paragraph as subparagraphs
8 (A) through (G) respectively; and

9 (3) by amending paragraph (6), as redesignated
10 by this section to read as follows:

11 “(6) establish prerelease planning procedures
12 (including the payment of any costs) that help the
13 prisoner, subject to any limitations in law—

14 “(A) apply for available Federal and State
15 benefits (including Social Security benefits and
16 veterans’ benefits) upon release;

17 “(B) obtain appropriate documents, such
18 as Social Security cards, birth certificates, and
19 driver’s licenses or State identification docu-
20 ments, to assist the prisoner in doing so, prior
21 to release; and

22 “(C) pay for the cost of applying for those
23 benefits and obtaining those documents; and”.

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