

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 425

To authorize the revocation or denial of passports to individuals affiliated with foreign terrorist organizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 10, 2017

Mr. POE of Texas (for himself and Mr. KEATING) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To authorize the revocation or denial of passports to individuals affiliated with foreign terrorist organizations, and for other purposes.

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 “FTO Passport Revoca-
5 tion Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF PASSPORTS TO INDI-**
7 **VIDUALS AFFILIATED WITH FOREIGN TER-**
8 **RORIST ORGANIZATIONS.**

9 The Act entitled “An Act to regulate the issue and
10 validity of passports, and for other purposes”, approved

1 July 3, 1926 (22 U.S.C. 211a et seq.), commonly known
2 as the “Passport Act of 1926”, is amended by adding at
3 the end the following new section:

4 **“SEC. 4. AUTHORITY TO DENY OR REVOKE PASSPORT.**

5 “(a) INELIGIBILITY.—

6 “(1) ISSUANCE.—Except as provided under
7 subsection (b), the Secretary of State shall refuse to
8 issue a passport to any individual whom the Sec-
9 retary has determined—

10 “(A) is a member of or is otherwise affili-
11 ated with an organization the Secretary has
12 designated as a foreign terrorist organization
13 pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration and
14 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189); or

15 “(B) has aided, abetted, or provided mate-
16 rial support to such an organization.

17 “(2) REVOCATION.—The Secretary of State
18 shall revoke a passport previously issued to any indi-
19 vidual described in paragraph (1).

20 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

21 “(1) EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES, HUMANI-
22 TARIAN REASONS, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PUR-
23 POSES.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Sec-
24 retary of State may issue to or decline to revoke a
25 passport of an individual described in such sub-

1 section in emergency circumstances, for humani-
2 tarian reasons, or for law enforcement purposes.

3 “(2) LIMITATION FOR RETURN TO UNITED
4 STATES.—Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2), the
5 Secretary of State, before revocation, may—

6 “(A) limit a previously issued passport
7 only for return travel to the United States; or

8 “(B) issue a limited passport that only
9 permits return travel to the United States.

10 “(c) RIGHT OF REVIEW.—Any individual who, in ac-
11 cordance with this section, is denied issuance of a passport
12 by the Secretary of State, or whose passport is revoked
13 or otherwise limited by the Secretary, may request a hear-
14 ing before the Secretary not later than 60 days after re-
15 ceiving notice of such denial, revocation, or limitation.

16 “(d) REPORT.—If the Secretary of State denies,
17 issues, limits, or declines to revoke a passport under sub-
18 section (b), the Secretary shall, not later than 30 days
19 after such denial, issuance, limitation, or revocation, sub-
20 mit to Congress a report on such denial, issuance, limita-
21 tion, or revocation, as the case may be.

22 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—In this section, the
23 term ‘passport’ includes a passport card.”.

○