

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5981

To prohibit the use of Federal funds to be used to support drag theater performances.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 2023

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas introduced the following bill

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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. PROHIBITION.**

4 No Federal funds are authorized to be appropriated
5 or otherwise made available to any program, project, or
6 activity that involves the hosting or that otherwise involves
7 supporting drag shows, performances, testimonials, or any
8 demonstrations involving drag. For purposes of this sec-
9 tion, the term “drag” refers to dressing in clothing that

1 is typical of the opposite gender, including by using
2 exaggeratedly gendered mannerisms or by combining ele-
3 ments of typically male and female dress, or in elaborate
4 or outrageous gendered costumes.

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