

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6553

To require the waiver of costs of activities relating to the evacuation of United States citizens endangered by acts of terrorism or war in Israel instigated by Hamas and other Islamist militant groups.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 1, 2023

Mr. MAGAZINER (for himself, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. BALINT, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. LANDSMAN, Ms. MANNING, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Ms. LEE of Nevada) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. WAIVER OF COSTS OF ACTIVITIES RELATING**
2 **TO EVACUATION OF UNITED STATES CITI-**
3 **ZENS ENDANGERED BY ACTS OF TERRORISM**
4 **OR WAR IN ISRAEL INSTIGATED BY HAMAS**
5 **AND OTHER ISLAMIST MILITANT GROUPS.**

6 Section 4 of the State Department Basic Authorities
7 Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2671) is amended by adding at
8 the end the following:

9 “(e) With regard to the repatriations loan program,
10 the Secretary of State shall waive the costs of activities
11 related to the evacuation of United States citizens endan-
12 gered by acts of terrorism or war in Israel instigated by
13 Hamas and other Islamist militant groups on October 7,
14 2023, through November 17, 2023, to include the evacu-
15 ation of United States citizens on United States Govern-
16 ment-coordinated transport, from Israel, the Gaza Strip,
17 the West Bank, and affected countries, including Cy-
18 prus.”.

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