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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BABIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 title may be cited as the “Resettlement Account-  
5 ability National Security Prioritization Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF ADMISSION OF**  
2 **CERTAIN REFUGEES.**

3 (a) **SUSPENSION.**—Beginning on the date of the en-  
4 actment of this Act, and ending on the date that is 4 years  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
6 of Homeland Security may only admit into the United  
7 States a covered alien following the enactment of a joint  
8 resolution which gives the Secretary authority to admit  
9 such aliens, the matter after the resolving clause of which  
10 is as follows: “That Congress approves of the admission  
11 of covered aliens (as such term is defined in section 2 of  
12 the Resettlement Accountability National Security  
13 Prioritization Act of 2017) for a period beginning on the  
14 date of the enactment of this resolution, and ending on  
15 the date that is 4 years after the date of the enactment  
16 of the Resettlement Accountability National Security  
17 Prioritization Act of 2017.”.

18 (b) **TERMINATION.**—Beginning on the date that is 4  
19 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, no cov-  
20 ered alien may be admitted to the United States.

21 (c) **COVERED ALIEN DEFINED.**—In this section, the  
22 term “covered alien” means an alien applying for admis-  
23 sion to the United States as a refugee who—

24 (1) is a national of Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya,  
25 Somalia, Syria, or Yemen; or

1           (2) has no nationality and whose last habitual  
2           residence was in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Somalia,  
3           Syria, or Yemen.

4 **SEC. 3. REPORTS.**

5           (a) REPORT ON NATIONAL SECURITY.—Not later  
6           than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
7           the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit  
8           to Congress a report on the impact on the national secu-  
9           rity of the United States of admitting aliens under section  
10          207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
11          1157).

12          (b) REPORT ON THE COST OF PROVIDING BENEFITS  
13          TO REFUGEES.—Not later than 90 days after the date of  
14          the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the  
15          United States shall submit to Congress a report that in-  
16          cludes, for the 10-year period preceding the date of the  
17          enactment of this Act, for aliens admitted into the United  
18          States under section 207 of the Immigration and Nation-  
19          ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157), the following information:

20                 (1) The average duration for which such an  
21                 alien received benefits under a program described in  
22                 section 4.

23                 (2) The percentage of such aliens who received  
24                 benefits under a program described in section 4.

1           (3) The cost, per year, to each program de-  
2           scribed in section 4 for such aliens.

3           (4) The number of such aliens who paid Fed-  
4           eral income tax or Federal employment tax during  
5           the first year after being admitted to the United  
6           States.

7           (5) The cost, per year, to the program de-  
8           scribed in paragraph (5) of section 4 for such aliens.

9           (6) The number and percentage of such aliens  
10          who received benefits under a program described in  
11          section 4—

12                   (A) 2 years after being admitted to the  
13                   United States;

14                   (B) 5 years after being admitted to the  
15                   United States; and

16                   (C) 10 years after being admitted to the  
17                   United States.

18          (7) The cost, per year, to the Federal Govern-  
19          ment, to State governments, and to units of local  
20          government of providing other benefits and services,  
21          directly or indirectly, to such aliens.

22          (8) The cost, per year, to the Federal Govern-  
23          ment, to State governments, and to units of local  
24          government of admitting such aliens, other than the  
25          cost described in paragraph (7).

1 **SEC. 4. BENEFIT PROGRAMS DESCRIBED.**

2 The programs described under this section are as fol-  
3 lows:

4 (1) The Medicare program under title XVIII of  
5 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.).

6 (2) The Medicaid program under title XIX of  
7 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

8 (3) Disability insurance benefits under title II  
9 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402 et seq.).

10 (4) The supplemental nutrition assistance pro-  
11 gram under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7  
12 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.).

13 (5) Rental assistance under section 8 of the  
14 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.  
15 1437f).

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