

113TH CONGRESS
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S. 2302

To provide for a 1-year extension of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 2014

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. PORTMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Afghan Allies Protec-
5 tion Extension Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF AFGHAN SPECIAL**
7 **IMMIGRANT VISA PROGRAM.**

8 Section 602(b) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act
9 of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

2 (i) by amending clause (ii) to read as
3 follows:

4 “(ii) was or is employed in Afghani-
5 stan on or after October 7, 2001, for not
6 less than 1 year—

7 “(I) by, or on behalf of, the
8 United States Government;

9 “(II) by, or on behalf of, an orga-
10 nization or entity closely associated
11 with the United States mission in Af-
12 ghanistan that has received United
13 States Government funding through
14 an official and documented contract,
15 award, grant, or cooperative agree-
16 ment, including the International Se-
17 curity Assistance Force; or

18 “(III) by, or on behalf of, a
19 media or nongovernmental organiza-
20 tion headquartered in the United
21 States;”;

22 (ii) in clause (iii), by striking “the
23 United States Government” and inserting
24 “an entity or organization described in
25 clause (ii)”; and

1 (iii) in clause (iv), by striking “by the
2 United States Government” and inserting
3 “described in clause (ii)”; and
4 (B) by amending subparagraph (B) to read
5 as follows:

6 “(B) FAMILY MEMBERS.—An alien is de-
7 scribed in this subparagraph if the alien is—

8 “(i) the spouse or minor child of a
9 principal alien described in subparagraph
10 (A) who is accompanying or following to
11 join the principal alien in the United
12 States; or

13 “(ii)(I) the spouse, child, parent, or
14 sibling of a principal alien described in
15 subparagraph (A), whether or not accom-
16 panying or following to join; and

17 “(II) has experienced or is experi-
18 encing an ongoing serious threat as a con-
19 sequence of the qualifying employment of a
20 principal alien described in subparagraph
21 (A).”; and

22 (2) in paragraph (3), by amending subpara-
23 graph (D) to read as follows:

24 “(D) ADDITIONAL FISCAL YEARS.—For
25 each of fiscal years 2014 and 2015, the total

1 number of principal aliens who may be provided
2 special immigrant status under this section may
3 not exceed 3,000 per year, except that—

4 “(i) notwithstanding subparagraph
5 (C), any unused balance of the total num-
6 ber of principal aliens who may be pro-
7 vided special immigrant status in fiscal
8 years 2014 and 2015 may be carried for-
9 ward and provided through December 31,
10 2016;

11 “(ii) the 1-year period during which
12 an alien must have been employed in ac-
13 cordance with paragraph (2)(A)(ii) shall be
14 the period from October 7, 2001, through
15 December 31, 2014; and

16 “(iii) the principal alien seeking spe-
17 cial immigrant status under this subpara-
18 graph shall apply to the Chief of Mission
19 in accordance with paragraph (2)(D) not
20 later than December 31, 2015.”.

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