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# S. 3299

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 14 (legislative day, NOVEMBER 13), 2023

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Ms. ROSEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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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 Act may be cited as the “Saving Americans in  
5 Foreign Evacuations (SAFE) Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE FREE TRAVEL TO**  
7 **UNITED STATES CITIZENS EVACUATING**  
8 **ISRAEL.**

9 Notwithstanding section 4(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the State  
10 Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C.

1 2671(b)(2)(A)(ii)), private United States citizens and per-  
2 manent resident aliens evacuating Israel in response to the  
3 October 7, 2023, attack by Hamas and the resulting war  
4 and civil unrest shall not be required to reimburse the  
5 United States Government for travel organized by the De-  
6 partment of State during fiscal year 2024 pursuant to  
7 such section.

8 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
11 shall submit to Congress a report examining the feasibility  
12 of expanding the reimbursement requirement under sec-  
13 tion (2) to future evacuations worldwide.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-  
15 section (a) shall include the following elements:

16 (1) The estimated annual costs of providing  
17 cost-free flights and other forms of transportation.

18 (2) A description of the additional responsibil-  
19 ities the Department would bear under such a re-  
20 quirement.

21 (3) A description of additional authorities the  
22 Department would need to under such a require-  
23 ment.

24 (4) A description of moral hazard issues that  
25 may arise from such a requirement.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       There is authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000  
3 for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of State to carry  
4 out activities under this Act.

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