

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 814

To allow the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Romania as a program country under the visa waiver program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 15, 2023

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) 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 “Romania Visa Waiver
5 Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that the Government of
8 Romania should—

9 (1) undertake all steps necessary to prepare Ro-
10 mania for participation in the visa waiver program

1 under section 217 of the Immigration and Nation-
2 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187) by developing a strategy
3 to meet all criteria for the program; and

4 (2) continue to advance robust efforts to elimi-
5 nate trafficking in persons, including by prioritizing
6 the recommendations outlined in the report of the
7 Department of State entitled “Trafficking in Per-
8 sons Report” issued in July 2022.

9 **SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY OF ROMANIA FOR VISA WAIVER PRO-**
10 **GRAM.**

11 Notwithstanding any provision of section 217 of the
12 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187), the
13 Secretary of Homeland Security may designate Romania
14 as a program country under the visa waiver program es-
15 tablished by that section.

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