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# H. R. 2367

To reauthorize a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. GILMAN, and Ms. MCKINNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To reauthorize a comprehensive program of support for  
victims of torture.

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 “Torture Victims Relief  
5 Reauthorization Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. FOREIGN TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF**  
7 **TORTURE.**

8 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Of the  
9 amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years

1 2001, 2002, and 2003 pursuant to chapter 1 of part I  
2 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, there are author-  
3 ized to be appropriated to the President \$10,000,000 for  
4 fiscal year 2001, \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and  
5 \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2003 to carry out section 129  
6 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

7 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-  
8 priated pursuant to this section shall remain available  
9 until expended.

10 **SEC. 3. DOMESTIC TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF**  
11 **TORTURE.**

12 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the  
13 amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Depart-  
14 ment of Health and Human Services for fiscal years 2001,  
15 2002, and 2003, there are authorized to be appropriated  
16 to carry out subsection (a) of section 5 of the Torture Vic-  
17 tims Relief Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 2152) \$10,000,000  
18 for fiscal year 2001, \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and  
19 \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

20 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-  
21 priated pursuant to this section shall remain available  
22 until expended.

23 **SEC. 4. MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE.**

24 (a) FUNDING.—Of the amounts authorized to be ap-  
25 propriated for fiscal years 2001, 2002, and 2003 for “Vol-

1 untary Contributions to International Organizations” pur-  
2 suant to chapter 3 of part I of the Foreign Assistance  
3 Act of 1961, there are authorized to be appropriated only  
4 for a United States contribution to the United Nations  
5 Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (in this section re-  
6 ferred to as the “Fund”) the following amounts for the  
7 following fiscal years:

8           (1) FISCAL YEAR 2001.—For fiscal year 2001,  
9           \$5,000,000.

10           (2) FISCAL YEAR 2002.—For fiscal year 2002,  
11           \$5,000,000.

12           (3) FISCAL YEAR 2003.—For fiscal year 2003,  
13           \$5,000,000.

14           (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-  
15 priated pursuant to subsection (a) shall remain available  
16 until expended.

17           (c) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the  
18 Congress that the President, acting through the United  
19 States Permanent Representative to the United Nations,  
20 should—

21           (1) request the Fund—

22                   (A) to find new ways to support and pro-  
23 tect treatment centers and programs that are  
24 carrying out rehabilitative services for victims  
25 of torture; and

1 (B) to encourage the development of new  
2 such centers and programs;

3 (2) use the voice and vote of the United States  
4 to support the work of the Special Rapporteur on  
5 Torture and the Committee Against Torture estab-  
6 lished under the Convention Against Torture and  
7 Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or  
8 Punishment; and

9 (3) use the voice and vote of the United States  
10 to establish a country rapporteur or similar proce-  
11 dural mechanism to investigate human rights viola-  
12 tions in a country if either the Special Rapporteur  
13 or the Committee Against Torture indicates that a  
14 systematic practice of torture is prevalent in that  
15 country.

16 **SEC. 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

17 Not later than 90 days after the enactment of this  
18 Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the  
19 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the  
20 Committee on International Relations of the House of  
21 Representatives on the specialized training for foreign  
22 service officers required by section 7 of the Torture Vic-  
23 tims Relief Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–320). The Re-  
24 port shall include detailed information regarding—

1           (1) efforts by the Department of State to imple-  
2           ment the specialized training requirement;

3           (2) the curriculum that is being used in the  
4           specialized training;

5           (3) the number of foreign service officers who  
6           have received the specialized training as of the date  
7           of the Report; and

8           (4) the nongovernmental organizations that  
9           have been involved in the development of the special-  
10          ized training curriculum or in providing the special-  
11          ized training, and the nature and extent of that in-  
12          volvement.

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