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H. R. 4653

To reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2014

Mr. WOLF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “United States Commis-
5 sion on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization
6 Act of 2014”.

7 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 201 of
9 the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22
10 U.S.C. 6431) is amended by inserting before the period

1 at the end the following: “, which shall be an independent
2 Federal Government advisory body”.

3 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—Subsection (b)(3) of section 201
4 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22
5 U.S.C. 6431) is amended by striking “The appointments
6 required by paragraph (1) shall be made not later than
7 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.”
8 and inserting the following: “The President and Members
9 of Congress are encouraged to appoint members of the
10 Commission within 90 days of a vacancy on the Commis-
11 sion.”.

12 (c) VACANCIES.—Subsection (g) of section 201 of the
13 International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
14 6431) is amended by striking the second sentence.

15 **SEC. 3. TRAINING FOR FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS.**

16 Subsection (a) of section 708 of the Foreign Service
17 Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4028) is amended—

18 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),

19 (A) by striking “and the director” and in-
20 serting “the director”; and

21 (B) inserting “and members of the United
22 States Commission on International Religious
23 Freedom,” after “Training Center,”; and

24 (2) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) by striking “and the various” and in-
2 serting “the various”; and

3 (B) by inserting “, the relationship be-
4 tween religious freedom and security, and the
5 role of religious freedom in United States for-
6 eign policy” after “violations of religious free-
7 dom”.

8 **SEC. 4. COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 204 of
10 the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22
11 U.S.C. 6432b) is amended in the second sentence, by in-
12 serting “voting” after “nine”.

13 (b) COMPENSATION.—Subsection (b) of section 204
14 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22
15 U.S.C. 6432b) is amended by inserting “voting members
16 of the” after “The”.

17 (c) SECURITY CLEARANCES.—Subsection (e) of sec-
18 tion 204 of the International Religious Freedom Act of
19 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6432b) is amended by adding at the end
20 the following new sentence: “The Department of State is
21 encouraged to allow Commissioners and Commission staff
22 with the appropriate security clearance access to classified
23 information, in order to fulfill the duties and responsibil-
24 ities of their positions.”.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Subsection (a) of section 207 of the International Re-
3 ligious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6435) is amended
4 by striking “2014” and inserting “2019”.

5 **SEC. 6. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND DISCLOSURE.**

6 Paragraph (2) of section 208(d)(2) of the Inter-
7 national Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
8 6435a(d)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new subparagraph:

10 “(H) Intern, fellowship, and volunteer pro-
11 grams that are primarily of educational benefit
12 to the intern, fellow, or volunteer. Sponsoring
13 private parties may provide compensation and
14 benefits to interns, fellows, and volunteers, pro-
15 vided that no conflict of interest arises.”.

16 **SEC. 7. TERMINATION.**

17 Section 209 of the International Religious Freedom
18 Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6436) is amended by striking
19 “September 30, 2014” and inserting “September 30,
20 2019”.

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