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H. R. 237

To authorize the revocation or denial of passports and passport cards to individuals affiliated with foreign terrorist organizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas 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 “FTO Passport Revoca-
5 tion Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF PASSPORTS AND PASS-**
2 **PORT CARDS TO INDIVIDUALS AFFILIATED**
3 **WITH FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.**

4 The Act entitled “An Act to regulate the issue and
5 validity of passports, and for other purposes”, approved
6 July 3, 1926 (22 U.S.C. 211a et seq.), commonly known
7 as the “Passport Act of 1926”, is amended by adding at
8 the end the following:

9 **“SEC. 4. AUTHORITY TO DENY OR REVOKE PASSPORT AND**
10 **PASSPORT CARD.**

11 “(a) INELIGIBILITY.—

12 “(1) ISSUANCE.—Except as provided under
13 subsection (b), the Secretary of State may not issue
14 a passport or passport card to any individual whom
15 the Secretary has determined is a member of or is
16 otherwise affiliated with, or is aiding, assisting, abet-
17 ting, or is otherwise helping an organization the Sec-
18 retary has designated as a foreign terrorist organiza-
19 tion pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration and
20 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

21 “(2) REVOCATION.—The Secretary of State
22 shall revoke a passport or passport card previously
23 issued to any individual described in paragraph (1).

24 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

25 “(1) EMERGENCY AND HUMANITARIAN SITUA-
26 TIONS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Sec-

1 retary of State may issue a passport or passport
2 card, in emergency circumstances or for humani-
3 tarian reasons, to an individual described in para-
4 graph (1) of such subsection.

5 “(2) LIMITATION FOR RETURN TO UNITED
6 STATES.—Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2), the
7 Secretary of State, before revocation, may—

8 “(A) limit a previously issued passport or
9 passport card only for return travel to the
10 United States; or

11 “(B) issue a limited passport or passport
12 card that only permits return travel to the
13 United States.

14 “(c) REPORT.—If the Secretary of State issues or
15 limits a passport or passport card under subsection (b),
16 the Secretary shall, not later than 30 days after such
17 issuance or limitation, submit to Congress a report on
18 such issuance or limitation, as the case may be.”.

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