

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4189

To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to require congressional approval of rescissions of determinations of countries as state sponsors of terrorism and waivers of prohibitions on assistance to state sponsors of terrorism under that Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2015

Mr. FINCHER (for himself and Mr. LUETKEMEYER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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

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 “Stop Funding for Ter-
5 rorism Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF RESCISSIONS OF**
2 **DETERMINATIONS OF COUNTRIES AS STATE**
3 **SPONSORS OF TERRORISM AND WAIVERS OF**
4 **PROHIBITIONS ON ASSISTANCE TO STATE**
5 **SPONSORS OF TERRORISM UNDER THE FOR-**
6 **EIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 620A of the Foreign As-
8 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371) is amended by add-
9 ing at the end the following:

10 “(e) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT
11 TO RESCISSIONS AND WAIVERS.—

12 “(1) RESCISSIONS.—In addition to meeting the
13 requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-
14 section (c), a determination made by the Secretary
15 of State under subsection (a) may be rescinded only
16 if Congress, within 45 days after receipt of a report
17 under subsection (c)(2) with respect to a proposed
18 rescission of such determination, enacts a joint reso-
19 lution the matter after the resolving clause of which
20 is as follows: ‘That the proposed rescission of the de-
21 termination under section 620A(a) of the Foreign
22 Assistance Act of 1961 pursuant to the report sub-
23 mitted to the Congress on _____ is hereby ap-
24 proved.’, the blank to be completed with the appro-
25 priate date.

1 “(2) WAIVERS.—In addition to meeting the re-
2 quirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection
3 (d), assistance prohibited by subsection (a) may be
4 provided to a country described in that subsection
5 only if Congress, within 45 days after receipt of a
6 report under subsection (d)(2) with respect to a pro-
7 posed waiver of assistance prohibited by subsection
8 (a), enacts a joint resolution the matter after the re-
9 solving clause of which is as follows: ‘That the pro-
10 posed waiver of assistance prohibited under section
11 620A(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 pur-
12 suant to the report submitted to the Congress on
13 _____ is hereby approved.’, the blank to be com-
14 pleted with the appropriate date.

15 “(3) CONGRESSIONAL PROCEDURES.—A joint
16 resolution described in paragraph (1) or (2) and in-
17 troduced within the appropriate 45-day period shall
18 be considered in the Senate and the House of Rep-
19 resentatives in accordance with paragraphs (3)
20 through (7) of section 8066(c) of the Department of
21 Defense Appropriations Act (as contained in Public
22 Law 98–473), except that references in such para-
23 graphs to the Committees on Appropriations of the
24 House of Representatives and the Senate shall be
25 deemed to be references to the Committee on For-

1 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
2 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, re-
3 spectively.”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
5 subsection (a) takes effect on the date of the enactment
6 of this Act and applies with respect to a proposed rescis-
7 sion of a determination of the Secretary of State under
8 section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, or
9 a proposed waiver of assistance prohibited by section 620A
10 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, that is contained
11 in any report submitted under subsection (c)(2) or (d)(2),
12 respectively, of such section on or after such date of enact-
13 ment.

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