

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 535

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## AN ACT

To encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan  
at all levels, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Taiwan Travel Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The Taiwan Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 3301  
6 et seq.), enacted in 1979, has continued for 37 years  
7 to be a cornerstone of relations between the United  
8 States and Taiwan and has served as an anchor for  
9 peace and security in the Western Pacific area.

10 (2) The Taiwan Relations Act declares that  
11 peace and stability in the Western Pacific area are  
12 in the political, security, and economic interests of  
13 the United States and are matters of international  
14 concern.

15 (3) The United States considers any effort to  
16 determine the future of Taiwan by other than peace-  
17 ful means, including by boycotts or embargoes, a  
18 threat to the peace and security of the Western Pa-  
19 cific area and of grave concern to the United States.

20 (4) Taiwan has succeeded in a momentous tran-  
21 sition to democracy beginning in the late 1980s and  
22 has been a beacon of democracy in Asia, and Tai-  
23 wan’s democratic achievements inspire many coun-  
24 tries and people in the region.

25 (5) Visits to a country by United States Cabi-  
26 net members and other high-ranking officials are an

1 indicator of the breadth and depth of ties between  
2 the United States and such country.

3 (6) Since the enactment of the Taiwan Rela-  
4 tions Act, relations between the United States and  
5 Taiwan have suffered from insufficient high-level  
6 communication due to the self-imposed restrictions  
7 that the United States maintains on high-level visits  
8 with Taiwan.

9 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS; STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

10 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
11 gress that the United States Government should encour-  
12 age visits between officials from the United States and  
13 Taiwan at all levels.

14 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It should be the policy  
15 of the United States to—

16 (1) allow officials at all levels of the United  
17 States Government, including Cabinet-level national  
18 security officials, general officers, and other execu-  
19 tive branch officials, to travel to Taiwan to meet  
20 their Taiwanese counterparts;

21 (2) allow high-level officials of Taiwan to enter  
22 the United States, under conditions which dem-  
23 onstrate appropriate respect for the dignity of such  
24 officials, and to meet with officials of the United  
25 States, including officials from the Department of

1 State and the Department of Defense and other  
2 Cabinet agencies; and

3 (3) encourage the Taipei Economic and Cul-  
4 tural Representative Office, and any other instru-  
5 mentality established by Taiwan, to conduct business  
6 in the United States, including activities which in-  
7 volve participation by Members of Congress, officials  
8 of Federal, State, or local governments of the United  
9 States, or any high-level official of Taiwan.

Passed the House of Representatives January 9,  
2018.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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