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To amend the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 to expedite the special immigrant visa process for certain Afghan allies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROW (for himself, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. BACON, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. STANTON, Mr. MELJER, Mr. BERA, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BAIRD, Ms. JACOBS of California, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DUNN, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mr. LAMB, Ms. DEAN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. TAYLOR, and Mr. WENSTRUP) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 to expedite the special immigrant visa process for certain Afghan allies, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Averting Loss of Life
5 and Injury by Expediting SIVs Act of 2021” or as the
6 “Allies Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING AFGHAN SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA**
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) EVIDENCE OF SERIOUS THREAT.—Section
4 602(b)(2) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 (8
5 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended—

6 (1) by striking subparagraph (E); and

7 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as sub-
8 paragraph (E).

9 (b) ACTIVITIES FOR UNITED STATES MILITARY PER-
10 SONNEL STATIONED AT INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AS-
11 SISTANCE FORCE.—Section 602(b)(2)(A)(ii)(II)(bb) of
12 the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101
13 note) is amended by striking “sensitive and trusted”.

14 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
15 section shall apply to any application for special immi-
16 grant visas under the Afghan Allies Protection Act of
17 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) that are pending on the date
18 of the enactment of this Act or filed on or after such date.

19 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The amendments
20 made by this section shall not diminish, replace or override
21 any vetting, verification of employment, approval by chief
22 of mission, or any other screening process required for a
23 special immigrant visa under the Afghan Allies Protection
24 Act of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note).

1 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL AFGHAN SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA**
2 **ALLOTMENT.**

3 Section 602(b)(3) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act
4 of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended by adding at
5 the end the following:

6 “(G) SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS.—Begin-
7 ning on the date of the enactment of this sub-
8 paragraph, in addition to any unused balance
9 under this paragraph, 8,000 principal aliens
10 may be granted special immigrant status under
11 this subsection. For purposes of status provided
12 under this subparagraph the authority to issue
13 visas shall commence on the date of the enact-
14 ment of this subparagraph and shall terminate
15 on the date such visas are exhausted.”.

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