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# H. R. 4360

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2004

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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## 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 “Country of Origin  
5       Healthcare Accountability Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds the following:

1           (1) The Census Bureau estimates that some 8  
2           million illegal aliens reside in the United States, and  
3           health care treatment of illegal aliens imposes a sub-  
4           stantial cost on medical providers and hospitals in  
5           numerous communities across America.

6           (2) American citizens should not be forced to  
7           pay for the treatment of illegal aliens, particularly  
8           when many Americans already struggle to pay their  
9           own medical expenses. Consequently, the cost of  
10          treatment of illegal aliens should be borne as a re-  
11          duction in assistance provided to foreign countries.

12 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT OF EMERGENCY**  
13 **HEALTH SERVICES FURNISHED TO ILLEGAL**  
14 **ALIENS THROUGH FOREIGN AID FUNDS.**

15          (a) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts ap-  
16          propriated for any fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year  
17          2009) to carry out the provisions of sections 103, 105,  
18          106, and 131, and chapter 10 of part I of the Foreign  
19          Assistance Act of 1961, \$250,000,000 shall be available  
20          to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the  
21          purpose of making allotments under the provisions re-  
22          ferred to in subsection (b) for payments to eligible pro-  
23          viders in States. Funds made available under the previous  
24          sentence for a fiscal year shall remain available until ex-  
25          pend.

1       (b) USE OF FUNDS.—The provisions of subsections  
2 (b) through (e) of section 1011 of the Medicare Prescrip-  
3 tion Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003  
4 (Public Law 108–173) shall apply to amounts made avail-  
5 able for a fiscal year under subsection (a) in the same  
6 manner as they apply to amounts appropriated for a fiscal  
7 year under subsection (a) of such section.

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