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## AN ACT

To permit eligibility in certain circumstances for an officer or employee of a foreign government to receive a reward under the Department of State Rewards Program.

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 “Terrorist Rewards En-  
3 hancement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FOR AN**5 **AGENCY OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TO RE-  
6 CEIVE A REWARD UNDER THE DEPARTMENT  
7 OF STATE REWARDS PROGRAM.**

8 (a) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Subsection (f) of section 36 of the  
9 State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22  
10 U.S.C. 2708(f)) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “(f) **INELIGIBILITY.**—An offi-  
12 cer” and inserting the following:

13 “(f) **INELIGIBILITY.**—

14 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in para-  
15 graph (2), an officer”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
17 paragraph:

18 “(2) **EXCEPTION IN CERTAIN CIR-  
19 CUMSTANCES.**—The Secretary may pay a reward to  
20 an officer or employee of a foreign government (or  
21 any entity thereof) who, while in the performance of  
22 his or her official duties, furnishes information de-  
23 scribed in such subsection, if the Secretary deter-  
24 mines that such payment satisfies the following con-  
25 ditions:

1               “(A) Such payment is appropriate in light  
2               of the exceptional or high-profile nature of the  
3               information furnished pursuant to such sub-  
4               section.

5               “(B) Such payment may aid in furnishing  
6               further information described in such sub-  
7               section.

8               “(C) Such payment is formally requested  
9               by such agency.”.

10               (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (b) of  
11               such section (22 U.S.C. 2708(b)) is amended in the mat-  
12               ter preceding paragraph (1) by inserting “or to an officer  
13               or employee of a foreign government in accordance with  
14               subsection (f)(2)” after “individual”.

Passed the House of Representatives December 18,  
2005.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*