

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 604

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2005

Mr. WEINER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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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. FINDING.**

4       The Congress finds that an official website of the  
5       Saudi Arabian Government's Supreme Commission for  
6       Tourism included the following text:

7               "Visas will not be issued for the following  
8       groups of people:

1           “An Israeli passport holder or a passport  
2           that has an Israeli arrival/departure stamp.

3           “Those who don’t abide by the Saudi tra-  
4           ditions concerning appearance and behaviors.  
5           Those under the influence of alcohol will not be  
6           permitted into the Kingdom.

7           “There are certain regulations for pilgrims  
8           and you should contact the consulate for more  
9           information.

10           “Jewish People.”

11 **SEC. 2. CESSATION OF VISA ISSUANCE.**

12           Beginning on the day after the date of the enactment  
13 of this Act, no visa shall be issued by the Government of  
14 the United States to a citizen of Saudi Arabia until the  
15 President certifies that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia does  
16 not discriminate in the issuance of visas on the basis of  
17 religious affiliation or heritage.

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