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# H. R. 815

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2005

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. CULBERSON, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, and Mr. HOSTETTLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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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 “Financial Customer  
5 Identification Verification Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FOREIGN-ISSUED FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION PRO-**  
2 **HIBITED AS PROOF OF IDENTITY TO OPEN**  
3 **ACCOUNTS AT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.**

4 Section 5318(l) of title 31, United States Code (relat-  
5 ing to identification and verification of accountholders) is  
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraph (6) as para-  
8 graph (7); and

9 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-  
10 lowing new paragraph:

11 “(6) PROHIBITION ON USE OF IDENTIFICATION  
12 ISSUED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.—A financial  
13 institution may not accept any form of identification  
14 that was issued by a foreign government, other than  
15 a passport, for use in verifying the identity of a per-  
16 son in connection with the opening of an account by  
17 such person at the financial institution, including a  
18 matricula consular issued in the United States by a  
19 duly authorized consular officer of the Government  
20 of Mexico.”.

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