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H. R. 57

To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIRK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Terrorist Rewards En-
5 hancement Act of 2009”.

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

5 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Subsection (f) of section 36 of the
6 State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
7 U.S.C. 2708(f)) is amended—

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

10 “(f) INELIGIBILITY.—

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

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraph:

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

23 “(A) Such payment is appropriate in light
24 of the exceptional or high-profile nature of the
25 information furnished pursuant to such sub-
26 section.

1 “(B) Such payment may aid in furnishing
2 further information described in such sub-
3 section.

4 “(C) Such payment is formally requested
5 by such agency.”.

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

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