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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

To reauthorize the United States Commission on  
International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.

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 “United States Commis-  
3 sion on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization  
4 Act of 2014”.

5 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (a) of section 201 of  
7 the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22  
8 U.S.C. 6431) is amended by inserting before the period  
9 at the end the following: “, which shall be an independent  
10 Federal Government advisory body”.

11 (b) **SELECTION.**—Subparagraph (A) of section  
12 201(b)(2) of the International Religious Freedom Act of  
13 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431(b)(2)) is amended by inserting at  
14 the end the following new sentence: “The Commission as  
15 a whole shall also have expertise on the variety of faiths  
16 practiced around the world.”.

17 (c) **MEMBERSHIP.**—Subsection (b)(3) of section 201  
18 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22  
19 U.S.C. 6431) is amended by striking “The appointments  
20 required by paragraph (1) shall be made not later than  
21 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.”  
22 and inserting the following: “An appointment required by  
23 subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) should be made within  
24 90 days of a vacancy on the Commission.”.

1 (d) VACANCIES.—Subsection (g) of section 201 of the  
2 International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.  
3 6431) is amended by striking the second sentence.

4 **SEC. 3. TRAINING FOR FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS.**

5 Subsection (a) of section 708 of the Foreign Service  
6 Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4028) is amended—

7 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),

8 (A) by striking “and the director” and in-  
9 serting “the director”; and

10 (B) inserting “and members of the United  
11 States Commission on International Religious  
12 Freedom,” after “Training Center,”; and

13 (2) in paragraph (2)—

14 (A) by striking “and the various” and in-  
15 serting “the various”; and

16 (B) by inserting “, the relationship be-  
17 tween religious freedom and security, and the  
18 role of religious freedom in United States for-  
19 eign policy” after “violations of religious free-  
20 dom”.

21 **SEC. 4. COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 204 of  
23 the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22  
24 U.S.C. 6432b) is amended in the second sentence, by in-  
25 serting “voting” after “nine”.

1 (b) COMPENSATION.—Subsection (b) of section 204  
2 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22  
3 U.S.C. 6432b) is amended by inserting “voting members  
4 of the” after “The”.

5 (c) SECURITY CLEARANCES.—Subsection (e) of sec-  
6 tion 204 of the International Religious Freedom Act of  
7 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6432b) is amended by adding at the end  
8 the following new sentence: “The Department of State is  
9 encouraged to allow Commissioners and Commission staff  
10 with the appropriate security clearance access to classified  
11 information, in order to fulfill the duties and responsibil-  
12 ities of their positions.”.

13 (d) APPLICATION OF ANTIDISCRIMINATION LAWS.—  
14 Subsection (g) of section 204 of the International Reli-  
15 gious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6432b) is amended  
16 by inserting “, including discrimination on the basis of re-  
17 ligion” after “employment discrimination”.

18 **SEC. 5. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND DISCLOSURE.**

19 Paragraph (2) of section 208(d)(2) of the Inter-  
20 national Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.  
21 6435a(d)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
22 lowing new subparagraph:

23 “(H) Intern, fellowship, and volunteer pro-  
24 grams that are primarily of educational benefit  
25 to the intern, fellow, or volunteer. Sponsoring

1 private parties may provide compensation and  
2 benefits to interns, fellows, and volunteers, pro-  
3 vided that no conflict of interest arises. The  
4 number, duration, and funding source of any  
5 such internship, fellowship, or volunteer pro-  
6 grams shall be described in the annual financial  
7 report required by subsection (e).”.

8 **SEC. 6. EXTENSION AND TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**

9 The International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 is  
10 amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a) of section 207 (22 U.S.C.  
12 6435), by striking “2014” and inserting “2019”;  
13 and

14 (2) in section 209 (22 U.S.C. 6436), by striking  
15 “September 30, 2014” and inserting “September  
16 30, 2019”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 8, 2014.

Attest:

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*Clerk.*