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H. R. 493

To prohibit funds appropriated for the Department of Homeland Security from being used to pay for an abortion, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2013

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan (for himself, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. JONES, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LATTA, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. KELLY, and Mr. BOUSTANY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Homeland Security
5 Respect for Life Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL**
2 **FUNDS BY SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECU-**
3 **RITY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds appropriated
5 for the Department of Homeland Security under any Fed-
6 eral law shall be available to pay for any abortion, ex-
7 cept—

8 (1) in a case where a pregnant detainee suffers
9 from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical
10 illness that would, as certified by a physician, place
11 the pregnant detainee in danger of death unless an
12 abortion is performed, including a life-endangering
13 physical condition caused by, or arising from, preg-
14 nancy itself, or in a case of rape or incest; and

15 (2) that if this subsection is declared unconsti-
16 tutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this
17 subsection shall be null and void.

18 (b) NO PERSON REQUIRED TO PERFORM SERV-
19 ICES.—None of the funds appropriated for the Depart-
20 ment of Homeland Security under any Federal law shall
21 be used to require any person to perform, or facilitate in
22 any way the performance of, any abortion.

23 (c) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in subsection (b) shall
24 remove any legal obligation the Secretary of Homeland Se-
25 curity may have to provide escort services necessary for
26 a pregnant detainee to receive such service outside a Fed-

1 eral detention facility, except that nothing in this sub-
2 section in any way diminishes the effect of subsection (b)
3 in upholding the right of any individual to refrain from
4 involvement in abortion.

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