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H. R. 5594

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GABBARD (for herself and Mr. PERRY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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. SUSPENSION FROM VISA WAIVER PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
5 rity, in consultation with the Secretary of State, imme-
6 diately shall suspend from the visa waiver program estab-
7 lished under section 217 of the Immigration and Nation-
8 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187) any country that has identified

1 passport holders fighting with Islamic extremist organiza-
2 tions, including such groups as the Islamic State of Iraq
3 and the Levant (ISIL) and al-Qaeda affiliated organiza-
4 tion.

5 (b) RESTORATION OF PARTICIPATION.—The Sec-
6 retary of Homeland Security shall restore a suspended
7 country's participation in the visa waiver program upon
8 a determination by the Secretary of State, the Secretary
9 of Homeland Security, and the Director of National Intel-
10 ligence of the ability of both the suspended country and
11 the United States to identify, track, and negate the risk
12 of any individual entering the United States from such
13 country under the visa waiver program.

14 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

15 It is the sense of the Congress that—

16 (1) the Comptroller General of the United
17 States should conduct a review of the national secu-
18 rity risks associated with the visa waiver program
19 and submit the results of that review to the Con-
20 gress;

21 (2) the Secretary of Homeland Security should
22 take steps to strengthen the electronic travel author-
23 ization system described in section 217(h)(3) of the
24 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
25 1187(h)(3)), identify any individual fighting with an

1 Islamic extremist organization, and deny such indi-
2 vidual the ability to enter the United States by
3 means of such system; and

4 (3) the Secretary of Homeland Security should
5 complete as expeditiously as possible the biometric
6 entry and exit data system described in section 7208
7 of the 9/11 Commission Implementation Act of 2004
8 (8 U.S.C. 1365b).

9 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

10 Section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
11 (8 U.S.C. 1187) is amended by striking “Attorney Gen-
12 eral” each place the term appears (except in subsection
13 (c)(11)(B)) and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Secu-
14 rity”.

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