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H. R. 5685

To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to require congressional notification not less than 15 days after a reward is authorized under the Rewards for Justice Program of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 12, 2014

Mr. McCAUL (for himself and Mr. ROYCE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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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 “Rewards for Justice
5 Congressional Notification Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF REWARD.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 36 of the State Depart-
3 ment Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2708) is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(4) REPORTS ON REWARDS AUTHORIZED.—

8 Not less than 15 days after a reward is authorized
9 under this section, the Secretary of State shall sub-
10 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a
11 report, which may be submitted in classified form if
12 necessary, detailing information about the reward,
13 including the identity of the individual for whom the
14 award is being made, the amount of the reward, the
15 acts with respect to which the reward is being made,
16 and how the reward is being publicized.”; and

17 (2) in subsection (k)(2), by striking “Inter-
18 national Relations” and inserting “Foreign Affairs”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
20 subsection (a)(1) takes effect on the date of the enactment
21 of this Act and applies with respect to any reward author-
22 ized under section 36 of the State Department Basic Au-
23 thorities Act of 1956 on or after the date of the enactment
24 of this Act.

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