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To prohibit an alien who is a national of a country with a widespread Ebola virus outbreak from obtaining a visa and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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

To prohibit an alien who is a national of a country with a widespread Ebola virus outbreak from obtaining a visa 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Keeping America Safe
5 from Ebola Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) COVERED ALIEN.—The term “covered
2 alien” means an alien—

3 (A) who is—

4 (i) a national of a designated country;

5 or

6 (ii) a resident of a designated country;

7 and

8 (B) whose last habitual residence, or last
9 habitual residence prior to residence in the
10 United States if the alien is seeking to reenter
11 the United States, was a designated country.

12 (2) DESIGNATED COUNTRY.—The term “des-
13 ignated country” means a country that the Director
14 has designated as a country with widespread trans-
15 mission of the Ebola virus.

16 (3) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
17 the Director of the Center for Disease Control and
18 Prevention.

19 (4) UNITED STATES.—The term “United
20 States” has the meaning given that term in section
21 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
22 U.S.C. 1101(a)).

1 **SEC. 3. TEMPORARY BAN ON VISAS FOR RESIDENTS OF**
2 **COUNTRIES WITH WIDESPREAD TRANS-**
3 **MISSION OF THE EBOLA VIRUS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—

5 (1) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS.—A covered alien
6 is ineligible to receive a visa from the Secretary of
7 State or otherwise be admitted to the United States.

8 (2) INELIGIBILITY TO ENTER.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—A covered alien is ineli-
10 gible to enter the United States if the alien was
11 lawfully present in the United States pursuant
12 to a visa, departed the United States and vis-
13 ited a designated country, and is seeking to re-
14 enter the United States.

15 (B) REVOCATION OF VISA.—Beginning on
16 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
17 retary of State shall revoke the visa of each cov-
18 ered alien described in subparagraph (A).

19 (b) EXCEPTION FOR AID WORKERS.—Subsection (a)
20 shall not apply to an individual who is authorized by the
21 Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
22 national Development to travel to or resides in a des-
23 ignated country to provide assistance related to the Ebola
24 outbreak.

25 (c) EXCEPTION FOR NATIONAL SECURITY.—Sub-
26 section (a) shall not apply to an individual who is author-

1 ized by the Secretary of Defense to travel to the United
2 States for necessary training.

3 (d) CONSTRUCTION.—Subsection (a) shall not be
4 construed to require the Secretary of State or the Sec-
5 retary of Homeland Security to revoke the visa of a cov-
6 ered alien who—

7 (1) is lawfully present in the United States pur-
8 suant to that visa; and

9 (2) does not depart the United States during
10 the term of that visa.

11 **SEC. 4. REPORTS.**

12 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act, and every 30 days thereafter during the
14 period the provisions of this Act are in effect, the Presi-
15 dent shall submit to Congress a report on the spread of
16 the Ebola virus. Each such report shall include—

17 (1) the status of the Ebola virus outbreak in
18 each designated country and the progress made
19 since the last reporting period to contain the out-
20 break;

21 (2) a description of the United States assist-
22 ance to each designated country to combat the Ebola
23 virus and any changes made to levels of assistance
24 as a result of the evolving situation since the last re-
25 port; and

1 (3) the reasons that a complete ban on travel
2 to and from designated countries would not be in the
3 national interest of the United States.

4 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE PERIOD.**

5 The provisions of this Act shall be in effect until the
6 date that is 60 days after the date the Director certifies
7 that there are no longer any designated countries.

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