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H. R. 652

To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to limit assistance to countries that engage in certain discriminatory religious, educational, or freedom of movement practices.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOWDY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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. LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES**

4 **THAT ENGAGE IN CERTAIN DISCRIMINATORY**
5 **RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, OR FREEDOM OF**
6 **MOVEMENT PRACTICES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of part III of the For-
8 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2351 et seq.) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 620N. LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES**
2 **THAT ENGAGE IN CERTAIN DISCRIMINATORY**
3 **RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, OR FREEDOM OF**
4 **MOVEMENT PRACTICES.**

5 “(a) LIMITATION.—No assistance may be provided
6 under this Act or any other Act to any foreign country
7 the government of which the President determines, and
8 notifies Congress, is engaging in any of the practices de-
9 scribed in subsection (b).

10 “(b) PRACTICES DESCRIBED.—The practices re-
11 ferred to in subsection (a) are the following:

12 “(1) The government engages in state-sanc-
13 tioned religious persecution of minority religious
14 groups as evidenced by anti-blasphemy laws or pen-
15 alties applied to minority religious groups for shar-
16 ing their faith.

17 “(2) The government prevents equal access to
18 education on the basis of gender, race, or ethnicity.

19 “(3) The government does not accept the return
20 of nationals of the country who have been removed
21 from another country following a removal pro-
22 ceeding.

23 “(c) EXCEPTION.—The limitation on assistance
24 under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to hu-
25 manitarian assistance.

1 “(d) WAIVER.—The President may waive subsection
2 (a) on a case-by-case basis if the President determines and
3 notifies Congress that it is in the national security inter-
4 ests of the United States to do so.”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 620N of the Foreign
6 Assistance Act of 1961, as added by subsection (a), shall
7 take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and
8 shall apply with respect to amounts made available for as-
9 sistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 or any
10 other Act that are unobligated on or after such date of
11 enactment.

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