

113TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 2302

To provide for a 1-year extension of the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 2014

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. PORTMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Afghan Allies Protec-  
5 tion Extension Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF AFGHAN SPECIAL**  
7 **IMMIGRANT VISA PROGRAM.**

8 Section 602(b) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act  
9 of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

2 (i) by amending clause (ii) to read as  
3 follows:

4 “(ii) was or is employed in Afghani-  
5 stan on or after October 7, 2001, for not  
6 less than 1 year—

7 “(I) by, or on behalf of, the  
8 United States Government;

9 “(II) by, or on behalf of, an orga-  
10 nization or entity closely associated  
11 with the United States mission in Af-  
12 ghanistan that has received United  
13 States Government funding through  
14 an official and documented contract,  
15 award, grant, or cooperative agree-  
16 ment, including the International Se-  
17 curity Assistance Force; or

18 “(III) by, or on behalf of, a  
19 media or nongovernmental organiza-  
20 tion headquartered in the United  
21 States;”;

22 (ii) in clause (iii), by striking “the  
23 United States Government” and inserting  
24 “an entity or organization described in  
25 clause (ii)”; and

(iii) in clause (iv), by striking “by the United States Government” and inserting “described in clause (ii)”; and

(B) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

“(B) FAMILY MEMBERS.—An alien is described in this subparagraph if the alien is—

“(i) the spouse or minor child of a principal alien described in subparagraph (A) who is accompanying or following to join the principal alien in the United States; or

“(ii)(I) the spouse, child, parent, or sibling of a principal alien described in subparagraph (A), whether or not accompanying or following to join; and

“(II) has experienced or is experiencing an ongoing serious threat as a consequence of the qualifying employment of a principal alien described in subparagraph (A).”; and

(2) in paragraph (3), by amending subparagraph (D) to read as follows:

“(D) ADDITIONAL FISCAL YEARS.—For each of fiscal years 2014 and 2015, the total

1           number of principal aliens who may be provided  
2           special immigrant status under this section may  
3           not exceed 3,000 per year, except that—

4                   “(i) notwithstanding subparagraph  
5                   (C), any unused balance of the total num-  
6                   ber of principal aliens who may be pro-  
7                   vided special immigrant status in fiscal  
8                   years 2014 and 2015 may be carried for-  
9                   ward and provided through December 31,  
10                  2016;

11                  “(ii) the 1-year period during which  
12                  an alien must have been employed in ac-  
13                  cordance with paragraph (2)(A)(ii) shall be  
14                  the period from October 7, 2001, through  
15                  December 31, 2014; and

16                  “(iii) the principal alien seeking spe-  
17                  cial immigrant status under this subpara-  
18                  graph shall apply to the Chief of Mission  
19                  in accordance with paragraph (2)(D) not  
20                  later than December 31, 2015.”.

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