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H. R. 178

To amend section 349(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to add certain acts of allegiance to a foreign terrorist organization to the list of acts for which nationals of the United States lose nationality, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOMACK (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, and Mr. PITTENGER) 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

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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 “Terrorist
5 Denaturalization and Passport Revocation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LOSS OF NATIONALITY.**

2 Section 349(a) of the Immigration and Nationality
3 Act (8 U.S.C. 1481(a)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at the
5 end;

6 (2) in paragraph (2)—

7 (A) by inserting after “thereof,” the fol-
8 lowing: “or an organization designated as a for-
9 eign terrorist organization pursuant to section
10 219,”; and

11 (B) by striking “or” at the end;

12 (3) in paragraph (3)—

13 (A) by striking “States, or” and inserting
14 “States;”; and

15 (B) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(C) such foreign state harbors an organization
17 designated as a foreign terrorist organization
18 pursuant to section 219;”;

19 (4) in paragraph (4)(A)—

20 (A) by inserting after “thereof,” the fol-
21 lowing: “or for an organization designated as a
22 foreign terrorist organization pursuant to sec-
23 tion 219,”;

24 (B) by striking “he has” and inserting
25 “the person has”; and

26 (C) by striking “or” at the end;

1 (5) in paragraph (4)(B), by inserting after
2 “thereof,” the following: “or for an organization des-
3 ignated as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant
4 to section 219,”;

5 (6) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the
6 following: “(C) accepting, serving in, or performing
7 the duties of any office, post, or employment for an
8 organization designated as a foreign terrorist organi-
9 zation pursuant to section 219, after attaining the
10 age of eighteen years, if the office, post, or employ-
11 ment requires knowing engagement in hostilities
12 against United States military or civilian per-
13 sonnel;” and

14 (7) in paragraph (5), by striking “or” at the
15 end.

16 **SEC. 3. REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF PASSPORTS AND PASS-**
17 **PORT CARDS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE**
18 **MEMBERS OF FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANI-**
19 **ZATIONS.**

20 The Act entitled “An Act to regulate the issue and
21 validity of passports, and for other purposes”, approved
22 July 3, 1926 (22 U.S.C. 211a et seq.), commonly known
23 as the “Passport Act of 1926”, is amended by adding at
24 the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 4. AUTHORITY TO DENY OR REVOKE PASSPORT AND**
2 **PASSPORT CARD.**

3 “(a) INELIGIBILITY.—

4 “(1) ISSUANCE.—Except as provided under
5 subsection (b), the Secretary of State may not issue
6 a passport or passport card to any individual whom
7 the Secretary has determined is a member of an or-
8 ganization the Secretary has designated as a foreign
9 terrorist organization pursuant to section 219 of the
10 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189)
11 that is engaging in hostilities against the United
12 States or its allies.

13 “(2) REVOCATION.—The Secretary of State
14 shall revoke a passport or passport card previously
15 issued to any individual described in paragraph (1).

16 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

17 “(1) EMERGENCY AND HUMANITARIAN SITUA-
18 TIONS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Sec-
19 retary of State may issue a passport or passport
20 card, in emergency circumstances or for humani-
21 tarian reasons, to an individual described in para-
22 graph (1) of such subsection.

23 “(2) LIMITATION FOR RETURN TO UNITED
24 STATES.—Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2), the
25 Secretary of State, before revocation, may—

1 “(A) limit a previously issued passport or
2 passport card only for return travel to the
3 United States; or

4 “(B) issue a limited passport or passport
5 card that only permits return travel to the
6 United States.”.

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