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# H. R. 5207

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an alien may not be denied admission to the United States because of the alien's religion, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 2016

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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 “Freedom of Religion  
5 Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON DENYING ADMISSION BECAUSE**  
7 **OF RELIGION.**

8       Chapter 2 of title I of the Immigration and Nation-  
9 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1181 et seq.) is amended by inserting  
10 after section 219 the following:

11 **“SEC. 220. PROHIBITION ON DENYING ADMISSION BECAUSE**  
12 **OF RELIGION.**

13       “Notwithstanding any other provision of the immi-  
14 gration laws, an alien may not be denied admission to the  
15 United States because of the alien’s religion or lack of reli-  
16 gious beliefs.”.

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