

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 642

To aid human trafficking victims' recovery and rehabilitation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 3, 2015

Mrs. SHAHEEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To aid human trafficking victims' recovery and rehabilitation.

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 “Human Trafficking
5 Survivors Relief and Empowerment Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTIONS FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUR-**
7 **VIVORS.**

8 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 1701(c) of title I of
9 the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968
10 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd(c)) is amended by striking “where fea-
11 sible” and all that follows, and inserting the following:
12 “where feasible, to an application—

1 “(1) for hiring and rehiring additional career
2 law enforcement officers that involves a non-Federal
3 contribution exceeding the 25 percent minimum
4 under subsection (g); or

5 “(2) from an applicant in a State that has in
6 effect a law—

7 “(A) that—

8 “(i) provides a process by which an
9 individual who is human trafficking sur-
10 vivor can move to vacate any arrest or con-
11 viction records for prostitution or any
12 other non-violent offense committed as a
13 direct result of human trafficking;

14 “(ii) establishes a rebuttable presump-
15 tion that any arrest or conviction of an in-
16 dividual for an offense associated with
17 human trafficking is a result of being traf-
18 ficked, if the individual—

19 “(I) is a person granted non-
20 immigrant status pursuant to section
21 101(a)(15)(T)(i) of the Immigration
22 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
23 1101(a)(15)(T)(i));

24 “(II) is the subject of a certifi-
25 cation by the Secretary of Health and

1 Human Services under section
 2 107(b)(1)(E) of the Trafficking Vic-
 3 tims Protection Act of 2000 (22
 4 U.S.C. 7105(b)(1)(E)); or

5 “(III) has other similar docu-
 6 mentation of trafficking, which has
 7 been issued by a Federal agency; and

8 “(iii) protects the identity of individ-
 9 uals who are human trafficking survivors
 10 in public and court records; and

11 “(B) that does not require an individual
 12 who is a human trafficking survivor to provide
 13 official documentation as described in subclause
 14 (I), (II), or (III) of subparagraph (A)(ii) in
 15 order to receive protection under the law.”.

16 (b) LEGAL SERVICES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING
 17 SURVIVORS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
 18 the Legal Services Corporation and the recipients of its
 19 funding may provide legal services on behalf a human traf-
 20 ficking survivor applying for a motion to vacate under a
 21 State law described in paragraph (2) of section 1701(c)
 22 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
 23 Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd(c)), as added by sub-
 24 section (a).

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