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Protecting Religious Minorities Persecuted by ISIS Act of 2015

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 24, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 21, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 24, 2015)

Protecting Religious Minorities Persecuted by ISIS Act of 2015

This bill directs the Secretary of State to establish or use existing refugee processing mechanisms in Iraq and in other countries through which aliens from Iraq or Syria who have been persecuted, or have a credible fear of being persecuted, by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS/ISIL), or a similar group, based on gender or religious or ethnic membership may apply directly to the United States Refugee Admissions Program for priority 2 refugee admission to the United States.

The processing mechanisms shall ensure that background and security checks are conducted, including the use of biographic and biometric data.

The Secretary of State shall: (1) report to Congress a plan to expedite the processing of refugee admissions applications for such aliens, and (2) implement the plan within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

It is U.S. policy that when conflict arises the United States should:

- undertake efforts with the international community to protect local populations and enable them to remain safely in their home countries or in neighboring host countries until they can be safely repatriated; and
- facilitate third country resettlement if necessary, including U.S. resettlement when such refugees are of special humanitarian concern to the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 21, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Mar 24, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 24, 2015:** 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.