

HR 4478

Freeing Americans Detained Abroad Act

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill requires the Department of State to dedicate resources to assist U.S. citizens detained or kidnapped overseas. The State Department must

- display, on a public website, a list of resources (including legal services offered pro bono or with payment) that U.S. citizens detained or kidnapped overseas may be eligible to receive;
- train all Foreign Service officers posted overseas on identifying and assisting detained and arbitrarily detained U.S. citizens; and
- designate at least one Foreign Service officer at each overseas diplomatic or consular post as a hostage affairs officer.

Actions Timeline

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