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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2015

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. VARGAS, and Mrs. DAVIS of California) 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

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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 “Treason and Passport  
5 Revocation Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREASON.**

2 Section 2381 of title 18, United States Code, is  
3 amended—

4 (1) by striking “Whoever” and inserting the fol-  
5 lowing: “(a) Whoever”; and

6 (2) by inserting at the end the following:

7 “(b) For purposes of this section, an organization  
8 that the Secretary of State has designated as a foreign  
9 terrorist organization under section 219 of the Immigra-  
10 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189) shall be consid-  
11 ered an enemy of the United States.”.

12 **SEC. 3. REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF PASSPORTS AND PASS-**  
13 **PORT CARDS TO INDIVIDUALS AFFILIATED**  
14 **WITH FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.**

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

20 **“SEC. 4. AUTHORITY TO DENY OR REVOKE PASSPORT AND**  
21 **PASSPORT CARD.**

22 “(a) INELIGIBILITY.—

23 “(1) ISSUANCE.—Except as provided under  
24 subsection (b), the Secretary of State may not issue  
25 a passport or passport card to any individual whom  
26 the Secretary has determined is a member of or is

1 otherwise affiliated with an organization the Sec-  
2 retary has designated as a foreign terrorist organiza-  
3 tion pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration and  
4 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

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

8 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

9 “(1) EMERGENCY AND HUMANITARIAN SITUA-  
10 TIONS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Sec-  
11 retary of State may issue a passport or passport  
12 card, in emergency circumstances or for humani-  
13 tarian reasons, to an individual described in para-  
14 graph (1) of such subsection.

15 “(2) LIMITATION FOR RETURN TO UNITED  
16 STATES.—Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2), the  
17 Secretary of State, before revocation, may—

18 “(A) limit a previously issued passport or  
19 passport card only for return travel to the  
20 United States; or

21 “(B) issue a limited passport or passport  
22 card that only permits return travel to the  
23 United States.

24 “(c) REPORT.—If the Secretary of State issues or  
25 limits a passport or passport card under subsection (b),

1 the Secretary shall, not later than 30 days after such  
2 issuance or limitation, submit to Congress a report on  
3 such issuance or limitation, as the case may be.”.

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