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H. R. 2168

To waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding abroad to aid
a foreign country suffering from a natural disaster.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2017

Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. BEYER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. ROYCE of California, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. CHABOT, and Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding
abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a natural
disaster.

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 “First Responders Pass-
5 port Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. PASSPORTS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 1 of the
3 Act of June 4, 1920 (22 U.S.C. 214; 41 Stat. 750; com-
4 monly referred to as the “Passport Act of 1920”), is
5 amended, in the third sentence, by inserting after “to at-
6 tend a funeral or memorial service for such member;” the
7 following: “from an individual who is operating under a
8 contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the United
9 States Government, including a volunteer, who is pro-
10 ceeding abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a
11 natural disaster as determined by the Secretary;”.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the end
13 of the first full fiscal year after the date of the enactment
14 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the
15 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
16 tives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
17 ate a report on the number of waivers of fees for the exe-
18 cution and issuance of passports to first responders under
19 section 1 of the Act of June 4, 1920, as amended by sub-
20 section (a) of this section, for such fiscal year.

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