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To prohibit an alien who is a national of a country with a widespread Ebola virus outbreak from obtaining a visa and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. KIRK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To prohibit an alien who is a national of a country with a widespread Ebola virus outbreak from obtaining a visa and for other purposes.

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 “Keeping America Safe
5 from Ebola Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) COVERED ALIEN.—The term “covered
9 alien” means an alien—

1 (A) who is—

2 (i) a national of a designated country;

3 or

4 (ii) a resident of a designated country;

5 and

6 (B) whose last habitual residence, or last
7 habitual residence prior to residence in the
8 United States if the alien is seeking to reenter
9 the United States, was a designated country.

10 (2) DESIGNATED COUNTRY.—The term “des-
11 ignated country” means a country that the Director
12 has designated as a country with widespread trans-
13 mission of the Ebola virus.

14 (3) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
15 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and
16 Prevention.

17 (4) UNITED STATES.—The term “United
18 States” has the meaning given that term in section
19 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
20 U.S.C. 1101(a)).

21 **SEC. 3. TEMPORARY BAN ON VISAS FOR RESIDENTS OF**
22 **COUNTRIES WITH WIDESPREAD TRANS-**
23 **MISSION OF THE EBOLA VIRUS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS.—A covered alien
2 is ineligible to receive a visa from the Secretary of
3 State or otherwise be admitted to the United States.

4 (2) INELIGIBILITY TO ENTER.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—A covered alien is ineli-
6 gible to enter the United States if the alien was
7 lawfully present in the United States, departed
8 the United States and visited a designated
9 country, and is seeking to reenter the United
10 States.

11 (B) REVOCATION OF VISA.—Beginning on
12 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
13 retary of State shall revoke the visa of each cov-
14 ered alien described in subparagraph (A).

15 (b) EXCEPTION FOR AID WORKERS.—Subsection (a)
16 shall not apply to an individual who is authorized by the
17 Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
18 national Development to travel to or reside in a designated
19 country to provide assistance related to the Ebola out-
20 break.

21 (c) EXCEPTION FOR NATIONAL SECURITY.—Sub-
22 section (a) shall not apply to an individual who is author-
23 ized by the Secretary of Defense to travel to the United
24 States for necessary training.

1 (d) CONSTRUCTION.—Subsection (a) shall not be
2 construed to require the Secretary of State or the Sec-
3 retary of Homeland Security to revoke the visa of a cov-
4 ered alien who—

5 (1) is lawfully present in the United States pur-
6 suant to that visa; and

7 (2) does not depart the United States during
8 the term of that visa.

9 **SEC. 4. REPORTS.**

10 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
11 ment of this Act, and every 30 days thereafter during the
12 period the provisions of this Act are in effect, the Presi-
13 dent shall submit to Congress a report on the spread of
14 the Ebola virus. Each such report shall include—

15 (1) the status of the Ebola virus outbreak in
16 each designated country and the progress made
17 since the last reporting period to contain the out-
18 break;

19 (2) a description of the United States assist-
20 ance to each designated country to combat the Ebola
21 virus and any changes made to levels of assistance
22 as a result of the evolving situation since the last re-
23 port; and

1 (3) the reasons that a complete ban on travel
2 to and from designated countries would not be in the
3 national interest of the United States.

4 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE PERIOD.**

5 The provisions of this Act shall be in effect until the
6 date that is 60 days after the date the Director certifies
7 that there are no longer any designated countries.

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