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H. R. 5102

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 24, 2021

Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mr. MAST, and Mr. TIFFANY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Flights for Freedom
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON SOLICITATION OF REIMBURSE-**
2 **MENT.**

3 Notwithstanding subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii) of section 4
4 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956
5 (22 U.S.C. 2671), during the period of evacuation related
6 to the withdrawal of the Armed Forces from Afghani-
7 stan—

8 (1) the Secretary of State shall waive any ex-
9 pectation of repayment of any travel expenses in-
10 curred by the Department of State on behalf of any
11 United States citizen or lawful permanent resident
12 evacuated from Afghanistan and repatriated to the
13 United States;

14 (2) any promissory note or other obligation to
15 repay an emergency repatriation loan signed by a
16 United States citizen or a lawful permanent resident
17 of the United States to reimburse the Department of
18 State for travel expenses described in paragraph (1)
19 shall be null and void; and

20 (3) no Federal official or employee may solicit
21 or accept any amount from any individual who is a
22 citizen of the United States or a lawful permanent
23 resident of the United States, whether in the form
24 of a reimbursement or as any other condition of

- 1 using transportation provided by the United States,
- 2 to repatriate such individual to the United States.

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