

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3500

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2021

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “States Have A Say  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR RESETTLEMENT**  
2 **OF REFUGEES.**

3 Section 412 of the Immigration and Nationality Act  
4 (8 U.S.C. 1522) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 “(g) STATE APPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
7 provision of law, the Director may not resettle a refugee  
8 in a State if the Governor of that State does not consent  
9 to such resettlement.”.

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