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H. R. 5168

To authorize resettlement benefits for certain nationals of Afghanistan, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOULTON (for himself, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. BACON, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. KEATING, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Ms. JACOBS of California, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BEYER, Mr. CASE, Ms. ROSS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. MEIJER, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CROW, Mr. GALLEGGO, Ms. CHU, Mr. JONES, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. BERA, Mr. COSTA, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. BOURDEAUX, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. WILD, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. LEVIN of California, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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Afghanistan, 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 “Welcoming Evacuees
5 Coming from Overseas to Mitigate Effects of Displace-
6 ment Act of 2021” or the “WELCOMED Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESETTLEMENT BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN AFGHAN**
2 **NATIONALS.**

3 (a) RESETTLEMENT SUPPORT AUTHORIZED.—Not
4 withstanding any other provision of law, an Afghan en-
5 trant is eligible for any form of resettlement assistance,
6 entitlement program, or other benefit (including services
7 for unaccompanied refugee minors) that is available to a
8 refugee (as such term is defined in section 207 of the Im-
9 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157)) under
10 Federal law to the same extent, and for the same period
11 of time as any such assistance, program, or benefit is
12 available to a refugee.

13 (b) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “Afghan en-
14 trant” means a national of Afghanistan (or in the case
15 of an alien having no nationality, a person who last habit-
16 ually resided in Afghanistan) who was initially paroled
17 into the United States pursuant to section 212(d)(5) of
18 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182) dur-
19 ing the period beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending on
20 July 1, 2025.

21 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
22 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
23 such sums as may be necessary.

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