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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Mr. BABIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Criminal Alien Depor-  
5       tation Enforcement Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**  
 2 **TO COUNTRIES THAT DENY OR UNREASON-**  
 3 **ABLY DELAY THE ACCEPTANCE OF NATION-**  
 4 **ALS WHO HAVE BEEN ORDERED REMOVED**  
 5 **FROM THE UNITED STATES.**

6 Chapter 1 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act  
 7 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) is amended by adding  
 8 at the end the following:

9 **“SEC. 137. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSIST-**  
 10 **ANCE TO COUNTRIES THAT DENY OR UNREA-**  
 11 **SONABLY DELAY THE REPATRIATION OF NA-**  
 12 **TIONALS WHO HAVE BEEN ORDERED RE-**  
 13 **MOVED FROM THE UNITED STATES.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided  
 15 under this section, funds made available under this Act  
 16 may not be dispersed to a foreign country that refuses  
 17 or unreasonably delays the acceptance of an alien who—

18 “(1) is a citizen, subject, national, or resident  
 19 of such country; and

20 “(2) has received a final order of removal under  
 21 chapter 4 of title II of the Immigration and Nation-  
 22 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1221 et seq.).

23 “(b) DEFINED TERM.—In this section and in section  
 24 243(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
 25 1253(d)), a country is deemed to have refused or unrea-  
 26 sonable delayed the acceptance of an alien who is a citizen,

1 subject, national, or resident if the country does not accept  
2 the alien within 90 days of receiving a request to repa-  
3 triate such alien from an official of the United States who  
4 is authorized to make such a request.

5 “(c) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days  
6 after the date of enactment of this section, and every 3  
7 months thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security  
8 shall submit a report to the Senate and the House of Rep-  
9 resentatives that—

10 “(1) lists all the countries which refuse or un-  
11 reasonably delay repatriation (as defined in sub-  
12 section (b)); and

13 “(2) includes the total number of aliens who  
14 were refused repatriation, organized by—

15 “(A) country;

16 “(B) detention status; and

17 “(C) criminal status.

18 “(d) ISSUANCE OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.—If a coun-  
19 try is listed in a report submitted under subsection (c),  
20 the country shall be subject to the sanctions described in  
21 subsection (a) and in section 243(d) of the Immigration  
22 and Nationality Act unless the country issues appropriate  
23 travel documents—

24 “(1) not later than 100 days after the submis-  
25 sion of such report on behalf of all aliens described

1 in subsection (a) who have been convicted of a crime  
 2 committed while in the United States; and

3 “(2) not later than 200 days after the submis-  
 4 sion of such report on behalf of all other aliens de-  
 5 scribed in subsection (a).

6 “(e) **STANDING.**—A victim or an immediate family  
 7 member of a victim of a crime committed by any alien  
 8 described in subsection (a) after such alien has been issued  
 9 a final order of removal shall have standing to sue in any  
 10 Federal district court to enforce the provisions of this sec-  
 11 tion and the provisions of section 243(d) of the Immigra-  
 12 tion and Nationality Act. No monetary judgments may be  
 13 awarded in a suit filed under this subsection.”.

14 **SEC. 3. DISCONTINUING GRANTING VISAS TO NATIONALS**  
 15 **OF COUNTRY DENYING OR DELAYING AC-**  
 16 **CEPTING ALIENS.**

17 Section 243(d) of the Immigration and Nationality  
 18 Act (8 U.S.C. 1253(d)) is amended to read as follows:

19 “(d) **DISCONTINUING GRANTING VISAS TO NATION-**  
 20 **ALS OF COUNTRY DENYING OR DELAYING ACCEPTING**  
 21 **ALIENS.**—

22 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—If a country is listed on the  
 23 most recent report submitted by the Secretary of  
 24 Homeland Security to Congress under section 137(c)  
 25 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, no visa may

1       be issued to or status under the immigration laws  
2       provided to a subject, national, or resident of such  
3       country unless the country is in full compliance with  
4       section 137(d) of such Act.

5           “(2) EFFECT OF UNAUTHORIZED ISSUANCE.—  
6       Any visa issued or status provided in violation of  
7       this paragraph shall be null and void.

8           “(3) STANDING.—A victim or an immediate  
9       family member of a victim of a crime committed by  
10      any alien described in section 137(a) of the Foreign  
11      Assistance Act of 1961 after such alien has been  
12      issued a final order of removal shall have standing  
13      to sue in any Federal district court to enforce the  
14      provisions of this subsection. No monetary judg-  
15      ments may be awarded in a suit filed under this sub-  
16      section.”.

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