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To reduce appointment wait times for certain nonimmigrant visas known as visitor visas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SALAZAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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 “Visitor Visa Wait Time
5 Reduction Act”.

6 SEC. 2. REPORT AND REASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL FOR

7 EXCESSIVE VISITOR VISA WAIT TIMES.

8 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs
2 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
3 Foreign Relations of the Senate a report that includes—

4 (1) a list of each diplomatic and consular post
5 at which the average waiting period, beginning on
6 the date an individual submits an application for a
7 nonimmigrant visa under section 101(a)(15)(B) of
8 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
9 1101) (commonly referred to as a “visitor visa”) and
10 the date such individual is granted an interview for
11 such a visa, exceeds 100 days; and

12 (2) an explanation of the concrete steps taken
13 at each such post in order to reduce such average
14 waiting period.

15 (b) REASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL.—With respect
16 to any diplomatic or consular posts at which the average
17 waiting period described in subsection (a)(1) exceeds 300
18 days, the Secretary of State shall, as appropriate, tempo-
19 rarily reassign appropriate personnel of the Department
20 of State to directly assist consular staff at such posts in
21 order to reduce such average waiting period.