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H. R. 2229

To waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding abroad to aid
a foreign country suffering from a natural disaster.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2019

Mr. CHABOT (for himself, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. BEYER, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. POSEY, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. SWALWELL of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding
abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a natural
disaster.

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 “First Responders Pass-
5 port Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. PASSPORTS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 1 of the
8 Act of June 4, 1920 (22 U.S.C. 214; 41 Stat. 750; com-

1 monly referred to as the “Passport Act of 1920”), is
2 amended, in the third sentence, by inserting after “to at-
3 tend a funeral or memorial service for such member;” the
4 following: “from an individual who is operating under a
5 contract, grant, or cooperative agreement with the United
6 States Government, including a volunteer, who is pro-
7 ceeding abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a
8 natural disaster as determined by the Secretary;”.

9 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the end
10 of the first full fiscal year after the date of the enactment
11 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the
12 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
13 tives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
14 ate a report on the number of waivers of fees for the exe-
15 cution and issuance of passports to first responders under
16 section 1 of the Act of June 4, 1920, as amended by sub-
17 section (a) of this section, for such fiscal year.

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