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# H. R. 4517

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIDSON (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. CAREY, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. BARR, Mrs. LESKO, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. LAMALFA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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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 “Ensuring Voluntary  
5 Actions are Compensated Act of 2023” or the “EVAC Act  
6 of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. PLAN FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN EX-**  
2 **PENSES OF UNITED STATES PERSONS EVACU-**  
3 **ATED FROM AFGHANISTAN.**

4 (a) **PLAN.**—Not later than 120 days after the date  
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall  
6 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a plan  
7 to reimburse any covered United States person who ex-  
8 pended personal funds to evacuate American citizens, law-  
9 ful permanent residents of the United States, or Afghan  
10 allies from Afghanistan during the period beginning on  
11 August 1, 2021, and ending on November 1, 2021.

12 (b) **CONSULTATION.**—In developing the plan required  
13 by subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with the fol-  
14 lowing:

15 (1) The Secretary of Defense.

16 (2) Nongovernmental organizations and vet-  
17 erans service organizations with expertise in sup-  
18 porting the evacuation of American citizens and Af-  
19 ghan allies from Afghanistan.

20 (c) **ELEMENTS.**—The plan required by subsection (a)  
21 shall also include the following elements:

22 (1) Eligibility requirements for covered United  
23 States persons to file a reimbursement claim under  
24 the plan.

1           (2) The criteria for reimbursement, including  
2 the types of reimbursable claims and maximum re-  
3 imbursement limit.

4           (3) The process for filing a reimbursement  
5 claim.

6           (4) An estimate of the time that would be asso-  
7 ciated with processing a reimbursement claim.

8           (5) The supporting documentation required to  
9 file a reimbursement claim.

10           (6) The process for disbursing funds to United  
11 States persons once a reimbursement claim is  
12 verified and approved,

13           (7) An estimate of the costs that would be asso-  
14 ciated with implementing the Plan.

15           (8) A list of each nongovernmental organization  
16 and each veteran service organization consulted in  
17 accordance with subsection (b)(2) during the devel-  
18 opment of the plan.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20           (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-  
21 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
22 the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
23 Foreign Relations of the Senate.

1           (2) The term “Afghan ally” means an indi-  
2           vidual who was eligible, upon evacuation during the  
3           period described in subsection (a), for—

4                   (A) special immigrant status under section  
5                   101(a)(27) of the Immigration and Nationality  
6                   Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)), pursuant to section  
7                   602(b) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of  
8                   2009 (Public Law 111–8; 8 U.S.C. 1101 note);  
9                   or

10                   (B) Priority 1 or Priority 2 processing  
11                   under the refugee resettlement priority system.

12           (3) The term “covered United States person”  
13           means—

14                   (A) an individual who is a citizen or na-  
15                   tional of the United States or an alien lawfully  
16                   admitted for permanent residence in the United  
17                   States; or

18                   (B) an entity that is a nongovernmental  
19                   organization and organized under the laws of  
20                   the United States or of any jurisdiction within  
21                   the United States.

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