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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Moulton 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 Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Welcoming Evacuees Coming from Overseas to Mitigate Effects of Displacement Act of 2021” or the “WELCOMED Act of 2021”.

AILA Doc. No. 21081935. (Posted 9/8/21)
SEC. 2. RESETTLEMENT BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN AFGHAN NATIONALS.

(a) RESETTLEMENT SUPPORT AUTHORIZED.—Not withstanding any other provision of law, an Afghan entrant is eligible for any form of resettlement assistance, entitlement program, or other benefit (including services for unaccompanied refugee minors) that is available to a refugee (as such term is defined in section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157) under Federal law to the same extent, and for the same period of time as any such assistance, program, or benefit is available to a refugee.

(b) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “Afghan entrant” means a national of Afghanistan (or in the case of an alien having no nationality, a person who last habitually resided in Afghanistan) who was initially paroled into the United States pursuant to section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182) during the period beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending on July 1, 2025.

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