AMENDMENT TO

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Add at the end of title LX the following:

1	SEC STUDY ON FACTORS AFFECTING EMPLOYMENT
2	OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REF-
3	UGEES WITH PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS
4	OBTAINED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.
5	(a) Study Required.—
6	(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall
7	conduct a study on the factors affecting employment
8	opportunities in the United States for applicable im-
9	migrants and refugees with professional credentials
10	obtained in countries other than the United States.
11	(2) COORDINATION.—The Department of Labor
12	shall conduct this study in coordination with the
13	Secretary of State, the Secretary of Education, the
14	Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Sec-
15	retary of Commerce, the Secretary of Homeland Se-
16	curity, the Administrator of the Internal Revenue
17	Service, and the Commissioner of the Social Security
18	Administration.

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(3) WORK WITH OTHER ENTITIES.—The Sec retary of Labor shall seek to work with relevant non profit organizations and State agencies to use the
 existing data and resources of such entities to con duct the study in paragraph (1).

6 (4) LIMITATIONS ON DISCLOSURE.—Any infor-7 mation provided to the Secretary of Labor under 8 this subsection shall be used only for the purposes 9 of, and to the extent necessary to ensure the effi-10 cient operation of, the study described in paragraph 11 (1). No such information shall be disclosed to any 12 other person or entity except as provided in this sub-13 section.

14 (b) INCLUSIONS.—The study under subsection (a)(1)15 shall include the following:

16 (1) An analysis of the employment history of 17 applicable immigrants and refugees admitted to the 18 United States in the last 5 years. This analysis shall 19 include, to the extent practicable, a comparison of 20 the employment applicable immigrants and refugees 21 held prior to immigrating to the United States with 22 the employment obtained in the United States, if 23 any, since the arrival of such applicable immigrants 24 and refugees. This analysis shall also note the occu-25 pational and professional credentials and academic

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degrees held by applicable immigrants and refugees
 prior to immigrating to the United States.

3 (2) An assessment of any barriers that prevent
4 applicable immigrants and refugees from using occu5 pational experience obtained outside the United
6 States to obtain employment opportunities in the
7 United States.

8 (3) An analysis of existing public and private 9 resources assisting applicable immigrants and refu-10 gees who have professional experience and qualifica-11 tions obtained outside the United States with using 12 such professional experience and qualifications to ob-13 tain skill-appropriate employment opportunities in 14 the United States.

(4) Policy recommendations for better enabling
applicable immigrants and refugees who have professional experience and qualifications obtained outside
the United States to use such professional experience and qualifications to obtain skill-appropriate
employment opportunities in the United States.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor
shall submit to Congress and make publically available on
the website of the Department of Labor a report that de-

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1	scribes the results of the study conducted under subsection
2	(a)(1).
3	(d) DEFINITIONS.—
4	(1) Applicable immigrants and refu-
5	GEES.—For the purposes of this section, the term
6	"applicable immigrants and refugees"—
7	(A) means individuals who are—
8	(i) not citizens or nationals of the
9	United States but who are lawfully present
10	and authorized to be employed; or
11	(ii) naturalized citizens born outside
12	of the United States and its outlying pos-
13	sessions; and
14	(B) includes individuals described in sec-
15	tion $602(b)(2)$ of the Afghan Allies Protection
16	Act of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note).
17	(2) OTHER TERMS.—Except as otherwise de-
18	fined in this subsection, terms used in this section
19	have the definitions given such terms under section
20	101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
21	U.S.C. 1101(a)).

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