

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT FOR
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Add at the end of title XII the following:

1 **Subtitle H—LIFT Act**

2 **SEC. 1281. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This subtitle may be cited as the “Leveraging Infor-
4 mation on Foreign Traffickers Act” or the “LIFT Act”.

5 **SEC. 1282. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

6 It is the sense of Congress that—

7 (1) the annual Trafficking In Persons Report
8 prepared by the Department of State pursuant to
9 the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (the
10 “TIP Report”) remains one of the most comprehen-
11 sive, timely, and important sources of information on
12 human trafficking in the world, and currently in-
13 cludes 187 individual country narratives;

14 (2) in January 2019, the statute mandating the
15 TIP Report was amended to require that each report
16 must cover efforts and activities occurring within the
17 period from April 1 of the prior year through March
18 31 of the current year, which necessarily requires

1 the collection and transmission of information after
2 March 31;

3 (3) ensuring that the Department of State has
4 adequate time to receive, analyze, and incorporate
5 trafficking-related information into its annual Traf-
6 ficking In Persons Report is important to the quality
7 and comprehensiveness of that report;

8 (4) information regarding prevalence and pat-
9 terns of human trafficking is important for under-
10 standing the scourge of modern slavery and making
11 effective decisions about where and how to combat
12 it; and

13 (5) United States officials responsible for moni-
14 toring and combating trafficking in persons around
15 the world should receive available information re-
16 garding where and how often United States diplo-
17 matic and consular officials encounter persons who
18 are responsible for, or who knowingly benefit from,
19 severe forms of trafficking in persons.

20 **SEC. 1283. ANNUAL DEADLINE FOR TRAFFICKING IN PER-**
21 **SONS REPORT.**

22 Section 110(b)(1) of the Trafficking Victims Protec-
23 tion Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107(b)(1)) is amended by
24 striking “June 1” and inserting “June 30”.

1 **SEC. 1284. UNITED STATES ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HUMAN**
2 **TRAFFICKING.**

3 (a) **EXTENSION.**—Section 115(h) of the Justice for
4 Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–22;
5 129 Stat. 243) is amended by striking “September 30,
6 2021” and inserting “September 30, 2025”.

7 (b) **COMPENSATION.**—Section 115(f) of the Justice
8 for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–
9 22; 129 Stat. 243) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” after
11 the semicolon at the end;

12 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
13 end and inserting “; and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new
15 paragraph:

16 “(3) may each receive compensation for each
17 day such member is engaged in the actual perform-
18 ance of the duties of the Council.”.

19 (c) **COMPENSATION REPORT.**—Not later than 120
20 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
21 retary of State shall provide to the relevant congressional
22 committees a plan to implement compensation for mem-
23 bers of the United States Advisory Council on Human
24 Trafficking pursuant to paragraph (3) of section 115(f)
25 of the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 (Pub-

1 lie Law 114–22; 129 Stat. 243), as added by subsection
2 (b).

3 **SEC. 1285. TIMELY PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE**
4 **OFFICE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAF-**
5 **FICKING IN PERSONS OF THE DEPARTMENT**
6 **OF STATE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 106 of the Trafficking
8 Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7104) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 section:

11 “(1) INFORMATION REGARDING HUMAN TRAF-
12 FICKING-RELATED VISA DENIALS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State
14 shall ensure that the Office to Monitor and Combat
15 Trafficking in Persons and the Bureau of Diplo-
16 matic Security of the Department of State receive
17 timely and regular information regarding United
18 States visa denials based, in whole or in part, on
19 grounds related to human trafficking.

20 “(2) DECISIONS REGARDING ALLOCATION.—
21 The Secretary of State shall ensure that decisions
22 regarding the allocation of resources of the Depart-
23 ment of State related to combating human traf-
24 ficking and to law enforcement presence at United

1 States diplomatic and consular posts appropriately
2 take into account—

3 “(A) the information described in para-
4 graph (1); and

5 “(B) the information included in the most
6 recent report submitted in accordance with sec-
7 tion 110(b).”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 103 of the
9 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
10 7102) is amended by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(18) GROUNDS RELATED TO HUMAN TRAF-
13 FICKING.—The term ‘grounds related to human traf-
14 ficking’ means grounds related to the criteria for in-
15 admissibility to the United States described in sub-
16 section (a)(2)(H) of section 212 of the Immigration
17 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182).”.

18 **SEC. 1286. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

19 (a) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
21 State shall provide to the relevant congressional commit-
22 tees a report that—

23 (1) describes the actions that have been taken
24 and that are planned to implement subsection (1) of
25 section 106 of the Trafficking Victims Protection

1 Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7104), as added by section
2 1285; and

3 (2) identifies by country and by United States
4 diplomatic and consular post the number of visa ap-
5 plications denied during the previous calendar year
6 with respect to which the basis for such denial, in-
7 cluded grounds related to human trafficking (as
8 such term is defined in section 103 of the Traf-
9 ficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
10 7102), as amended by section 1285(b)).

11 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Beginning with the first an-
12 nual anti-trafficking report required under subsection
13 (b)(1) of section 110 of the Trafficking Victims Protection
14 Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107; enacted as division A of
15 the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of
16 2000) that is submitted after the date of the enactment
17 of this Act and concurrent with each such subsequent sub-
18 mission for the following seven years, the Secretary of
19 State shall submit to the relevant congressional commit-
20 tees a report that contains information relating to the
21 number and the locations of United States visa denials
22 based, in whole or in part, on grounds related to human
23 trafficking (as such term is defined in section 103 of the
24 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.

1 7102), as amended by section 1285(b)) during the period
2 covered by each such annual anti-trafficking report.

3 **SEC. 1287. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this subtitle:

5 (1) LOCATIONS OF UNITED STATES VISA DENI-
6 ALS.—The term “location of United States visa de-
7 nials” means—

8 (A) the United States diplomatic or con-
9 sular post at which a denied United States visa
10 application was adjudicated; and

11 (B) the city or locality of residence of the
12 applicant whose visa application was so denied.

13 (2) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
14 TEES.—The term “relevant congressional commit-
15 tees” means—

16 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
17 the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of
18 Representatives; and

19 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
20 and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
21 ate.

