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Add at the end of title LVIII of division E the following:

1 **SEC. _____. SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN SPECIAL IMMIGRANT**
2 **VISA AND REFUGEE APPLICANTS .**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that the United States should increase support for
5 nationals of Afghanistan who aided the United States mis-
6 sion in Afghanistan during the past twenty years and are
7 now under threat from the Taliban, specifically special im-
8 migrant visa applicants who are nationals of Afghanistan
9 and referrals of nationals of Afghanistan to the United
10 States Refugee Admissions Program, including through
11 the Priority 2 Designation for nationals of Afghanistan,
12 who remain in Afghanistan or are in third countries.

13 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of State, in co-
14 ordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security and
15 the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agen-
16 cies, shall further surge capacity to better support special
17 immigrant visa applicants who are nationals of Afghani-
18 stan and referrals of nationals of Afghanistan to the

1 United States Refugee Admissions Program and who have
2 been approved by the chief of mission, including through
3 the Priority 2 Designation for nationals of Afghanistan,
4 and reduce their application processing times, while ensuring
5 strict and necessary security vetting, including, to the
6 extent practicable, enabling refugee referrals to initiate
7 application processes while still in Afghanistan.

8 (c) SURGE CAPACITY DESCRIBED.—The term “surge
9 capacity” includes increasing consular personnel to any
10 embassy or consulate in the region processing visa applica-
11 tions for nationals of Afghanistan.

