

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 4685

To prohibit assistance to foreign governments that violate human rights with respect to religious freedom.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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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. IDENTIFICATION OF COUNTRIES WITH LAWS**

4 **IMPOSING SEVERE CRIMINAL PENALTIES**

5 **FOR APOSTASY, BLASPHEMY, OR INTER-**

6 **FAITH.**

7 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-  
8 ment of this Act, the President shall submit a report to  
9 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and  
10 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-

1 representatives that lists each foreign government that the  
2 President determines, based on credible information, im-  
3 poses a death sentence or life imprisonment on the basis  
4 of—

5           (1) anti-apostasy laws that explicitly prohibit  
6           disaffiliation from a particular religion;

7           (2) anti-blasphemy laws; or

8           (3) laws prohibiting marriage between individ-  
9           uals of different religious faiths.

10 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN GOV-**  
11 **ERNMENTS THAT VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS**  
12 **WITH RESPECT TO RELIGION.**

13           The United States Government is prohibited from ob-  
14 ligating or expending any Federal funds to provide assist-  
15 ance to the government of any country identified in the  
16 report submitted by the President pursuant to section 1.

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