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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide certain nationals of Russia with special immigrant status, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. FOSTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Countering Russian  
5       Innovation and Safeguarding Individual Scientists Act of  
6       2025” or the “CRISIS Act of 2025”.

1   **SEC. 2. SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN RUS-**  
2                           **SIAN NATIONALS.**

3           (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (e), the Sec-  
4   retary of Homeland Security, or, notwithstanding any  
5   other provision of law, the Secretary of State in consulta-  
6   tion with the Secretary of Homeland Security, may pro-  
7   vide an alien described in subsection (b) with the status  
8   of a special immigrant under section 101(a)(27) of the Im-  
9   migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)) if  
10  the alien—

11           (1) submits a classification petition under sec-  
12   tion 204(a)(1)(G)(i) of such Act (8 U.S.C.  
13   1154(a)(1)(G)(i));

14           (2) is otherwise eligible to receive and immi-  
15   grant visa;

16           (3) is otherwise admissible to the United States  
17   for permanent residence; and

18           (4) clears a background check and appropriate  
19   screening, as determined by the Secretary of Home-  
20   land Security and in accordance with subsection (d).

21   (b) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—

22           (1) PRINCIPAL ALIEN.—An alien is described in  
23   this subsection if the alien—

24           (A) is a national of Russia;

25           (B) has earned a doctoral degree in the  
26   United States or an equivalent foreign degree in

1 a field involving science, technology, engineer-  
2 ing, or mathematics; and

3 (C) is seeking admission to engage in work  
4 in the United States in such a field.

5 (2) SPOUSE OR CHILD.—An alien is described  
6 in this subparagraph if the alien—

7 (A) is the spouse or child of the a principal  
8 alien described in paragraph (1); and

9 (B) is accompanying or following to join  
10 the principal alien in the United States.

11 (c) PROCESSING AND NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The total number of aliens  
13 described under subsection (b) who may be provided  
14 special immigrant status under this section may not  
15 exceed 3,000 per year for each of the fiscal years  
16 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029.

17 (2) PROCESSING.—Notwithstanding any other  
18 provision of law, the Secretary of Homeland Security  
19 shall, to the extent practicable, process petitions de-  
20 scribed in subsection (a) not later than 90 days after  
21 the date on which the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
22 rity receives all required documentation and infor-  
23 mation to render a decision on such petition.

24 (3) NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—Aliens admitted  
25 to the United States pursuant to subsection (a) shall

1 be exempt from the numerical limitations described  
2 in sections 201, 202, and 203 of the Immigration  
3 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151, 1152, and  
4 1153).

5 (d) INTERVIEW AND VETTING REQUIREMENTS.—

6 (1) VETTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than  
7 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
8 Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish vet-  
9 ting requirements for applicants seeking special im-  
10 migrant status under this section that are equivalent  
11 to the vetting requirements for refugees admitted to  
12 the United States through the United States Ref-  
13 ugee Admissions Program, including an interview.

14 (2) RECORD REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary  
15 of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Sec-  
16 retary of Defense, shall maintain records that con-  
17 tain, for each applicant under this section for the  
18 duration of the pendency of their application for spe-  
19 cial immigrant status—

20 (A) personal biographic information, in-  
21 cluding name and date of birth;

22 (B) biometric information;

23 (C) any criminal conviction occurring after  
24 the date on which the applicant entered the  
25 United States; and

1 (D) the history of the United States Gov-  
2 ernment vetting to which the applicant has sub-  
3 mitted, including whether the individual has un-  
4 dergone in-person vetting.

5 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
6 subsection may be construed to limit the authority  
7 of the Secretary of Homeland Security to maintain  
8 records in accordance with any other provision of  
9 law.

10 (e) TERMINATION.—The authority of the Secretary  
11 of Homeland Security to admit aliens to the United States  
12 pursuant to subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that  
13 is the last day of the fourth full fiscal year after the date  
14 of enactment of this Act, except that petitions under sub-  
15 section (a) that are approved on or before such date con-  
16 tinue to form the basis for an application for an immigrant  
17 visa under section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality  
18 Act (8 U.S.C. 1201) or an application for adjustment of  
19 status under section 245 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1255)  
20 after such date.

21 (f) DEFINITION.—The term “field involving science,  
22 technology, engineering, and mathematics” includes ad-  
23 vanced computing, advanced engineering materials, ad-  
24 vanced gas turbine engine technologies, advanced manu-  
25 facturing, advanced and networked sensing and signature

1 management, advanced nuclear energy technologies, ad-  
2 vanced particle accelerator and detector technologies, arti-  
3 ficial intelligence, autonomous systems and robotics, bio-  
4 technologies, communication and networking technologies,  
5 cybersecurity, directed energy, financial technologies,  
6 human-machine interfaces, hypersonics, advanced missile  
7 propulsion technologies, networked sensors and sensing,  
8 quantum information technologies, renewable energy gen-  
9 eration and storage, semiconductors and microelectronics,  
10 and space technologies and systems.

11 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act  
12 shall be construed to require an alien described in sub-  
13 section (b) to have an offer of employment from a United  
14 States employer to be eligible to be admitted as a special  
15 immigrant pursuant to subsection (a).