SEC. ___. EXTENSION OF AFGHAN SPECIAL IMMIGRANT PROGRAM.

Section 602(b)(3)(F) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended—

(1) in the heading, by striking "2015, 2016, AND 2017" and inserting "2015 THROUGH 2019";

(2) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking "14,500" and inserting "18,500";

(3) in clause (i), by striking "December 31, 2020" and inserting "December 31, 2021"; and

(4) in clause (ii), by striking "December 31, 2020" and inserting "December 31, 2021".

[Please note: The "Changes to Existing Law" section below sets out in red-line format how the legislative text above would amend existing law.]

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would modify the Afghan Special Immigrant Program to reflect the continuing nature of the U.S. and international missions in Afghanistan by amending the law to add an additional 4,000 visas for fiscal year 2019.

Budget Implications: This proposal would be funded through the mandatory programs for which SIVs are statutorily entitled.

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($MILLIONS)							
	FY 2019	**FY 2020**	**FY 2021**	**Appropriation From**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash-1 Line Item**	**Program Element**
O&M-AF	0	0	0				
Total	0	0	0				

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would make the following changes to section 602(b)(3)(F) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 (title VI of division F of Public Law 111–8; 8 U.S.C. 1101 note) as most recently amended by section 1214 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328, 130 Stat. 2479):

Afghan Allies Protection Extension Act of 2009
(Public Law 111–8; 8 U.S.C. 1101 note)

TITLE VI
AFGHAN ALLIES PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009".

SEC. 602. PROTECTION FOR AFGHAN ALLIES.

(a) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

(b) SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN AFGHANS.—

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(3) NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS..—

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(F) FISCAL YEARS ~~2015, 2016, AND 2017~~ 2015 THROUGH 2019.—In addition to any unused balance under subparagraph (D), for the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this subparagraph until such time that available special immigrant visas under subparagraphs (D) and (E) and this subparagraph are exhausted, the total number of principal aliens who may be provided special immigrant status under this section shall not exceed ~~14,500~~ 18,500. For purposes of status provided under this subparagraph—

(i) the period during which an alien must have been employed in accordance with paragraph (2)(A)(ii) must terminate on or before ~~December 31, 2020~~ December 31, 2021;

(ii) the principal alien seeking special immigrant status under this subparagraph shall apply to the Chief of Mission in accordance with paragraph (2)(D) not later than ~~December 31, 2020~~ December 31, 2021; and

(iii) the authority to issue visas shall commence on the date of the enactment of this subparagraph and shall terminate on the date such visas are exhausted.

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