SEC. ___. EXTENSION OF AFGHAN SPECIAL IMMIGRANT PROGRAM.

Section 602(b)(3)(F) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 (title VI of dvision F of Public Law 111–8; 8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking "7,000" and inserting "11,000";

(2) in clause (i), by striking "December 31, 2016" and inserting "December 31, 2017"; and

(3) in clause (ii), by striking "December 31, 2016" and inserting "December 31, 2017".

[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 and extend of the Afghan Special Immigrant Program reflect the enduring and evolving nature of the Afghan mission. The extension reflects the continuing nature of the United States and international missions in Afghanistan, extending the period for special immigrant status qualifying service and the petition period by 1 year. The number of special immigrant visas for fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017 are increased from 4,000 to 11,000. The modifications reflect that the previous International Security Assistance Force is no longer an extant organization, presently replaced by the Resolute Support NATO mission (with the potential for differently named future iterations). The modifications eliminate the termination date for unused special immigrant visas, instead permitting such visa issuance until they are exhausted.

Budget Implications: This proposal would be funded through the Department of State.

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($MILLIONS)							
	FY 2017	**FY 2018**	**FY 2019**	**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 1216 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114-92):

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 Committeeon 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.—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 ~~7,000~~11,000. 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, 2016~~ December 31, 2017;

(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, 2016~~ December 31, 2017; 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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