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**TORTURE VICTIMS RELIEF REAUTHORIZATION
ACT OF 2003**

Prime Sponsor: Mr. Christopher H. Smith (NJ)
H.R. 1813 - Signed by the President on December 15, 2003

Public Law 108-179
108th Congress

An Act

To amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes.

Dec. 15, 2003
[H.R. 1813]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2003”.

Torture Victims
Relief
Reauthorization
Act of 2003.
22 USC 2151
note.

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOMESTIC TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE.

(a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section 5(b)(1) of the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 2152 note) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Health and Human Services for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, there are authorized to be appropriated to carry out subsection (a) (relating to assistance for domestic centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2005.”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect October 1, 2003.

22 USC 2152
note.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOREIGN TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE.

(a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section 4(b)(1) of the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 2152 note) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 pursuant to chapter 1 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, there are authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry out section 130 of such Act (relating to assistance for centers in foreign countries and programs for the treatment of victims of torture) \$11,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2005.”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect October 1, 2003.

22 USC 2152
note.

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE.

Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 pursuant to chapter 3 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, there are authorized to be appropriated to the President for a voluntary contribution to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2004 and \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2005.

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