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H. R. 546

To amend section 412(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement to obtain the approval of the Governor of a State before placing or resettling a refugee with the State, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2017

Mr. CULBERSON (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. BARLETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “No Resettlement With-
5 out Consent Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONDITIONS ON DOMESTIC RESETTLEMENT OF**
2 **REFUGEES.**

3 Section 412(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality
4 Act (8 U.S.C. 1522(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 “(E) Notwithstanding any other provision
7 of law, including the preceding provisions of
8 this paragraph, beginning on the date of the en-
9 actment of this subparagraph, the following
10 limitations on programs for domestic resettlement of refugees under this chapter shall apply:

12 “(i) The Director shall not place or
13 resettle a refugee within a State without
14 the approval of the Governor of the State.

15 “(ii) Notwithstanding any approval
16 granted under clause (i), the Director shall
17 not place or resettle a refugee in any local-
18 ity within a State if the locality has in ef-
19 fect a law, or a policy with the effect of
20 law, disapproving of refugee resettlement
21 in that locality.”.

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