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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KING of Iowa 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 “Religious Worker Visa  
5 Reciprocity Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING RECIPROCAL IMMIGRATION TREAT-**  
2 **MENT.**

3 Section 204(a)(1)(G) of the Immigration and Nation-  
4 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(G)) is amended by adding  
5 at the end the following:

6 “(iii) Beginning on October 1, 2017, no petition may  
7 be approved for classification of an alien as a special immi-  
8 grant under section 101(a)(27)(C) if the Secretary of  
9 Homeland Security has determined that the country of the  
10 alien’s nationality—

11 “(I) is identified as a ‘Country of Particular  
12 Concern’ or a country where religious freedom is of  
13 significant interest in the **[2013]** International Reli-  
14 gious Freedom Report; or

15 “(II) does not extend reciprocal immigration  
16 treatment to nationals of the United States who are  
17 seeking resident status in order to work in a reli-  
18 gious vocation or occupation.”.