

17. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
HOSTETLER OF INDIANA, OR  
HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1950, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. HOSTETTLER OF INDIANA AND  
MR. GALLEGLY OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 70, after line 2, insert the following new section (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

**1 SEC. 231. ISSUANCE OF CONSULAR IDENTIFICATION CARDS  
2 BY FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

3 (a) ISSUANCE OF CONSULAR IDENTIFICATION  
4 CARDS.—The Congress finds that foreign governments  
5 have been issuing consular identification cards to foreign  
6 nationals in the United States for purposes other than  
7 those intended by the Vienna Convention on Consular Re-  
8 lations (done at Vienna on 24 April 1963).

9 (b) ISSUANCE OF CONSULAR IDENTIFICATION  
10 CARDS.—The issuance by foreign missions of consular  
11 identification cards shall be considered a benefit to a for-  
12 eign mission under section 203(2) of the State Depart-  
13 ment Basic Authorities Act of 1956 and shall be regulated  
14 by the Secretary in accordance with this section and sec-  
15 tion 204 of that Act.

16 (c) AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REGULATIONS.—Not later  
17 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
18 the Secretary of State shall issue regulations consistent  
19 with this section with respect to the issuance by foreign



1 missions in the United States of consular identification  
2 cards to foreign nationals residing in the United States.

3 (d) CONTENT OF REGULATIONS.—Regulations re-  
4 ferred to in subsection (c) shall include the following re-  
5 strictions and requirements:

6 (1) NOTIFICATION TO THE UNITED STATES  
7 GOVERNMENT.—A foreign mission shall notify the  
8 Secretary of State of each consular identification  
9 card issued within the United States, including the  
10 name and current address within the United States  
11 of the recipient of a card.

12 (2) ISSUANCE TO BONA FIDE CITIZENS OF THE  
13 COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.—A foreign mission may issue  
14 a consular identification card only to a national of  
15 the country represented by the foreign mission. For-  
16 eign missions shall establish procedures to verify the  
17 nationality of card recipients through either national  
18 birth registry systems or voter registration identi-  
19 fication systems, and bona fide documents such as  
20 a passport issued by the country of origin.

21 (3) MAINTENANCE OF ACCURATE AND COM-  
22 PLETE RECORDS.—A foreign mission shall maintain  
23 at the mission complete and accurate records of all  
24 consular identification cards issued and shall main-  
25 tain an automated record system that contains such



1 records in a manner that can be rapidly accessed to  
2 prevent duplicate or fraudulent issuance of such  
3 cards.

4 (4) ADDRESS CHANGE NOTIFICATION REQUIRE-  
5 MENT.—A foreign mission shall require card recipi-  
6 ents to notify the foreign mission of any change of  
7 address within 30 days after such address change.

8 (5) ACCESS TO AUDIT RECORDS.—At the re-  
9 quest of the Secretary of State, a foreign mission  
10 shall make available for audit and review, by the  
11 Secretary or the Inspector General of the Depart-  
12 ment of State, the records of all consular identifica-  
13 tion cards issued.

14 (e) FAILURE TO ADHERE TO REGULATIONS.—

15 (1) If the Secretary of State determines that a  
16 foreign mission has issued consular identification  
17 cards in violation of the requirements of regulations  
18 related to the issuance of such cards by foreign mis-  
19 sions and such violation potentially threatens the se-  
20 curity of the United States or facilitates fraudulent  
21 or criminal acts, the Secretary of State shall notify  
22 the government of the country represented by the  
23 foreign mission that the foreign mission must sus-  
24 pend the issuance of consular identification cards



1       until compliance with applicable regulations is estab-  
2       lished.

3               (2) If the foreign mission of a country fails to  
4       suspend issuance of consular identification cards in  
5       accordance with a notification under paragraph (1),  
6       the Secretary of State shall direct consular officials  
7       in that country to cease the issuance of immigrant  
8       or nonimmigrant visas, or both, to nationals of that  
9       country until such time as the Secretary of State de-  
10      termines that the foreign mission of that country is  
11      in compliance with the requirements of regulations  
12      related to the issuance of such cards by foreign mis-  
13      sions.

