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# H. R. 2617

To bar certain additional restrictions on travel and remittances to Cuba.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Florida (for himself, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. OLVER, Mr. RUSH, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. FARR, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mrs. BONO, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. GORDON, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. OTTER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. STARK, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. LEE, Mr. BERRY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. RAMSTAD, Ms. WATERS, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. MEEK of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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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. PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS**  
4 **ON TRAVEL AND REMITTANCES TO CUBA.**

5 (a) PER-DIEM ALLOWANCES.—The regulations gov-  
6 erning travel to Cuba, as in effect on June 15, 2004, may  
7 not be modified so as to reduce the maximum travel per

1 diem rate for a person traveling to Cuba for purposes of  
2 visiting a close relative who is a national of Cuba (provided  
3 for in section 515.560(c)(2) of title 31, Code of Federal  
4 Regulations, as in effect on such date).

5 (b) FAMILY VISITS TO CUBA.—The regulations gov-  
6 erning travel to Cuba, as in effect on June 15, 2004, may  
7 not be modified so as to impose additional restrictions on  
8 such travel for purposes of visiting a close relative who  
9 is a national of Cuba (provided for in section 515.561 of  
10 title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on such  
11 date), including by—

12 (1) requiring a specific license for such travel;

13 (2) limiting the number of trips to fewer than  
14 one in any 12-month period;

15 (3) prohibiting more frequent trips by specific  
16 license (provided for in section 515.561(b) of title  
17 31, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on  
18 such date);

19 (4) limiting the length of any trip to less than  
20 30 days; or

21 (5) narrowing the definition of “close relative”.

22 (c) REMITTANCES.—The regulations permitting per-  
23 sons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to  
24 make remittances to households located in Cuba, as in ef-  
25 fect on June 15, 2004 (provided for in section 515.570

1 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on  
2 such date), may not be modified so as to impose additional  
3 restrictions on such remittances, including by limiting the  
4 recipients of such remittances to close relatives only and  
5 by reducing the \$3,000 limit for all household remittances  
6 (provided for in section 515.560(c)(4)(i) of title 31, Code  
7 of Federal Regulations, as in effect on such date).

8 (d) ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE.—The regulations gov-  
9 erning travel to Cuba, as in effect on June 15, 2004, may  
10 not be modified so as to limit the amount or weight of  
11 baggage that may accompany a traveler without specific  
12 authorization by the United States Government.

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