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To provide for additional sanctions with respect to foreign persons that are officials, agents, or affiliates of, or owned or controlled by, Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2023

Mr. LAMBORN (for himself and Mr. HERN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for additional sanctions with respect to foreign persons that are officials, agents, or affiliates of, or owned or controlled by, Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps.

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 “Closing IRGC Sanc-
5 tions Loopholes Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO FOR-**
2 **EIGN PERSONS THAT ARE OFFICIALS,**
3 **AGENTS, OR AFFILIATES OF, OR OWNED OR**
4 **CONTROLLED BY, IRAN'S REVOLUTIONARY**
5 **GUARD CORPS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 301(a) of the Iran Threat
7 Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22
8 U.S.C. 8741(a)) is amended—

9 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
10 striking “Not later than 90 days after the date of
11 the enactment of this Act, and as appropriate there-
12 after,” and inserting “Not later than 180 days after
13 the date of the enactment of the National Defense
14 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, and every
15 180 days thereafter,”;

16 (2) in paragraph (1)—

17 (A) by inserting “, or owned or controlled
18 by,” after “affiliates of”; and

19 (B) by striking “and” at the end;

20 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
21 the end and inserting “; and”; and

22 (4) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(3) identify foreign persons with respect to
24 which there is a reasonable basis to determine that
25 the foreign persons have, directly or indirectly, at-
26 tempted to conduct one or more sensitive trans-

1 actions or activities described in subsection (c) for or
2 on behalf of a foreign person described in paragraph
3 (1).”.

4 (b) PRIORITY FOR INVESTIGATION; DETERMINATION
5 AND REPORT.—Section 301(b) of the Iran Threat Reduc-
6 tion and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C.
7 8741(b)) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(b) PRIORITY FOR INVESTIGATION; DETERMINA-
9 TION AND REPORT.—

10 “(1) PRIORITY FOR INVESTIGATION.—In identi-
11 fying foreign persons pursuant to subsection (a)(1)
12 as officials, agents, or affiliates of Iran’s Revolu-
13 tionary Guard Corps, the President shall inves-
14 tigate—

15 “(A) foreign persons or entities identified
16 under section 560.304 of title 31, Code of Fed-
17 eral Regulations (relating to the definition of
18 the Government of Iran);

19 “(B) foreign persons for which there is a
20 reasonable basis to find that the person has
21 conducted or attempted to conduct one or more
22 sensitive transactions or activities described in
23 subsection (c); and

24 “(C) foreign persons listed under the head-
25 ings ‘Attachment 3’ or ‘Attachment 4’ in Annex

1 A of United Nations Security Council Resolu-
2 tion 2231, adopted on July 20, 2015.”.

3 (c) SENSITIVE TRANSACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES DE-
4 SCRIBED.—Section 301(c) of the Iran Threat Reduction
5 and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8741(e))
6 is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) by striking “\$1,000,000” and inserting
9 “\$500,000”; and

10 (B) by inserting “Iranian financial institu-
11 tion or” after “involving a”;

12 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and
13 (5) as paragraphs (6), (7), and (8), respectively; and

14 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
15 lowing new paragraphs:

16 “(3) a transaction to provide material support
17 for an organization designated as a foreign terrorist
18 organization under section 219(a) of the Immigra-
19 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)) or sup-
20 port for an act of international terrorism (as defined
21 in section 14 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996
22 (Public Law 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note));

23 “(4) a transaction to provide material support
24 to a foreign person whose property and access to
25 property has been blocked pursuant to Executive

1 Order 13224 (September 23, 2001; relating to
2 blocking property and prohibiting transactions with
3 persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support
4 terrorism);

5 “(5) a transaction to provide material support
6 for the Government of Syria or any agency or in-
7 strumentality thereof;”.

8 (d) WAIVER OF IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—Section
9 301(e) of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human
10 Rights Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8741(e)) is amended by
11 adding at the end the following:

12 “(3) SUNSET.—The provisions of this sub-
13 section and any waivers issued pursuant to this sub-
14 section shall terminate at the close of December 31,
15 2025.”.

16 (e) REGULATIONS, IMPLEMENTATION, PENALTIES,
17 AND DEFINITIONS.—Section 301 of the Iran Threat Re-
18 duction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C.
19 8741) is amended—

20 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
21 section (h); and

22 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
23 lowing new subsections:

24 “(f) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, attempts to
25 violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of sub-

1 section (a) or any regulation, license, or order issued to
2 carry out subsection (a) shall be subject to the penalties
3 set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the
4 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
5 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that commits
6 an unlawful act described in subsection (a) of that section.

7 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term ‘foreign per-
9 son’ means—

10 “(A) an individual who is not a United
11 States person;

12 “(B) a corporation, partnership, or other
13 nongovernmental entity which is not a United
14 States person; or

15 “(C) any representative, agent or instru-
16 mentality of, or an individual working on behalf
17 of a foreign government.

18 “(2) IRAN’S REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS.—
19 The term ‘Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps’ in-
20 cludes any senior foreign political figure (as defined
21 in section 1010.605 of title 31, Code of Federal
22 Regulations) of Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps.

23 “(3) OWN OR CONTROL.—The term ‘own or
24 control’ means, with respect to an entity—

1 “(A) to hold more than 25 percent of the
2 equity interest by vote or value in the entity;

3 “(B) to hold a majority of seats on the
4 board of directors of the entity; or

5 “(C) to otherwise control the actions, poli-
6 cies, or personnel decisions of the entity.

7 “(4) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
8 ‘United States person’ means—

9 “(A) a United States citizen or an alien
10 lawfully admitted for permanent residence to
11 the United States; or

12 “(B) an entity organized under the laws of
13 the United States or of any jurisdiction within
14 the United States, including a foreign branch of
15 such an entity.”.

16 (f) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—
17 The Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act
18 of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8701 et seq.) is amended—

19 (1) by striking the heading of section 301 and
20 inserting the following:

1 **“SEC. 301. IDENTIFICATION OF, AND IMPOSITION OF SANC-**
2 **TIONS WITH RESPECT TO, FOREIGN PERSONS**
3 **THAT ARE OFFICIALS, AGENTS OR AFFILI-**
4 **ATES OF, OR OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY,**
5 **IRAN’S REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS.”; and**

6 (2) in the table of contents, by striking the item
7 relating to section 301 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 301. Identification of, and imposition of sanctions with respect to, foreign persons that are officials, agents or affiliates of, or owned or controlled by, Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps.”.

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