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H. R. 3546

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2023

Mr. WALTZ (for himself, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) 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 “Study To Observe and
5 Prevent (STOP) Human Trafficking Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON THE PREVALENCE AND INSTANCES OF**
2 **HUMAN TRAFFICKING AT ADULT ENTERTAIN-**
3 **MENT CLUBS.**

4 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Attorney General, in co-
5 ordination with the President’s Interagency Task Force
6 to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, shall con-
7 duct a study on the prevalence and instances of human
8 trafficking at adult entertainment clubs in the United
9 States. In conducting the study, the Attorney General
10 shall collaborate with non-governmental entities with dem-
11 onstrated expertise in studying human trafficking.

12 (b) **STUDY CONTENTS.**—In conducting the study re-
13 quired under subsection (a), the Attorney General shall
14 gather information on—

15 (1) demographic characteristics of victims, in-
16 cluding age groups of victims;

17 (2) any relationship between victims of human
18 trafficking and adult entertainment clubs, including
19 victims’ status as an employee, contractor, or li-
20 censee; and

21 (3) any methods of fraud, force, or coercion
22 used by human traffickers.

23 (c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 15 months after the
24 date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall
25 submit to Congress a report on the findings of the study

1 required under subsection (a) and any recommendations
2 of the Attorney General relating to such findings.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “adult entertainment club” means
5 an establishment that offers or provides live per-
6 formance, display, or dance of any type involving
7 any actual or simulated performance of sexual activi-
8 ties and nude or seminude exposure. Such an estab-
9 lishment may include one that features entertain-
10 ment of an erotic nature, including exotic dancers,
11 strippers, male or female impersonators, or similar
12 entertainers.

13 (2) The term “human trafficking” has the
14 meaning given the term “severe form of trafficking
15 in persons” in section 103 of the Victims of Traf-
16 ficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (22
17 U.S.C. 7102).

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