117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R.4111

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to direct the United States Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund to advocate that the Fund provide technical assistance to Fund members seeking to enhance their capacity to evaluate the legal and financial terms of sovereign debt contracts, and for other purposes.

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 "Sovereign Debt Con-5 tract Capacity Act". SEC. 2. SUPPORT TO ENHANCE THE CAPACITY OF INTER-6 7 NATIONAL MONETARY FUND MEMBERS TO 8 THE LEGAL AND EVALUATE FINANCIAL 9 TERMS OF SOVEREIGN DEBT CONTRACTS. 10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title XVI of the International Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C. 262p–262p–13) is 11 12 amended by adding at the end the following: 13 "SEC. 1630. SUPPORT TO ENHANCE THE CAPACITY OF FUND 14 MEMBERS TO EVALUATE THE LEGAL AND FI-15 NANCIAL TERMS OF SOVEREIGN DEBT CON-16 TRACTS. 17 "The Secretary of the Treasury shall instruct the United States Executive Director at the International 18 19 Monetary Fund to use the voice and vote of the United 20 States to advocate that the Fund promote international 21 standards and best practices with respect to sovereign debt contracts and provide technical assistance to Fund 22 23 members, and in particular to lower middle-income coun-24 tries and countries eligible to receive assistance from the

25 International Development Association, seeking to en-

hance their capacity to evaluate the legal and financial
 terms of sovereign debt contracts with multilateral, bilat eral, and private sector creditors.".

4 (b) REPORT TO THE CONGRESS.—Within 1 year after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there6 after for the next 4 years, the Secretary of the Treasury
7 shall report to the Committee on Financial Services of the
8 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
9 Relations of the Senate on—

(1) the activities of the International Monetary
Fund in the then most recently completed fiscal year
to provide technical assistance described in section
1630 of the International Financial Institutions Act,
including the ability of the Fund to meet the demand for the assistance; and

(2) the efficacy of efforts by the United States
to achieve the policy goal described in such section
and any further actions that should be taken, if necessary, to implement that goal.

1 (c) SUNSET.—The amendment made by subsection 2 (a) shall have no force or effect after the 5-year period 3 that begins with the date of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives October 25, 2021.

Attest:

Clerk.

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