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To require the Director of National Intelligence to seek to determine if the Government of Iran has used certain funds received by reason of sanctions relief pursuant to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action or cash payments conveyed by the United States in early 2016 to sponsor foreign terrorist organizations, facilitate illicit narcotics activities, or conduct military operations in Syria, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan (for himself and Mr. CONAWAY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Iran Payments Ac-
3 countability Act of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. DETERMINATION AND REPORT ON USE OF FUNDS**
5 **RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN BY**
6 **REASON OF SANCTIONS RELIEF PURSUANT**
7 **TO THE JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF AC-**
8 **TION OR CASH PAYMENTS CONVEYED BY THE**
9 **UNITED STATES IN EARLY 2016.**

10 (a) DETERMINATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of National In-
12 telligence shall seek to determine if the Government
13 of Iran has used any of the funds described in para-
14 graph (2)—

15 (A) to sponsor any foreign terrorist organi-
16 zation, including Hamas, Hezbollah, or Iran’s
17 Revolutionary Guard Corps;

18 (B) to engage in violence or hostilities
19 against United States nationals or members of
20 the United States Armed Forces;

21 (C) to conduct military operations in Syria;

22 or

23 (D) to facilitate illicit narcotics activities.

24 (2) FUNDS DESCRIBED.—Funds described in
25 this paragraph are—

1 (A) funds received by reason of any action
2 involving any measure of statutory sanctions re-
3 lief by the United States pursuant to the Joint
4 Comprehensive Plan of Action; and

5 (B) cash payments totaling \$1,700,000,000
6 conveyed by the United States Government to
7 the Government of Iran in early 2016.

8 (b) REPORT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-
11 rector of National Intelligence shall submit to Con-
12 gress a report that contains—

13 (A) the determination of the Director re-
14 quired under subsection (a) and a justification
15 for the determination; and

16 (B) a description of whether the cash pay-
17 ments described in subsection (a)(2)(B)—

18 (i) constituted an exchange of cash
19 payments for hostages; or

20 (ii) were discussed as part of negotia-
21 tions for the Joint Comprehensive Plan of
22 Action.

23 (2) FORM.—The report required under para-
24 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
25 but may contain a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 3. ACTIONS TO DEMAND REPAYMENT OF FUNDS FROM**
2 **THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN.**

3 (a) INITIAL ACTIONS.—If the determination of the
4 Director of National Intelligence contained in the report
5 submitted to Congress under section 2 is an affirmative
6 determination, the Secretary of State shall immediately
7 demand repayment of funds described in section 2(a)(2)
8 from the Government of Iran.

9 (b) SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS.—Until such time as
10 funds described in section 2(a)(2) are repaid by the Gov-
11 ernment of Iran, the Secretary of State shall continue to
12 take actions to prioritize repayment of such funds, includ-
13 ing actions to leverage repayment of such funds in future
14 diplomatic engagements with the Government of Iran and
15 through imposition of new or increased sanctions against
16 Iran.

17 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

18 In this Act:

19 (1) ACTION INVOLVING ANY MEASURE OF STAT-
20 UTORY SANCTIONS RELIEF BY THE UNITED
21 STATES.—The term “action involving any measure
22 of statutory sanctions relief by the United States”
23 has the meaning given such term in section
24 135(c)(3) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as
25 amended by the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act
26 of 2015 (Public Law 114–17; 129 Stat. 201).

1 (2) FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.—The
2 term “foreign terrorist organization” means an or-
3 ganization designated by the Secretary of State as a
4 foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section
5 219(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
6 U.S.C. 1189(a)).

7 (3) JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION.—
8 The term “Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action”
9 means the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action,
10 agreed to at Vienna July 14, 2015, by Iran and by
11 the People’s Republic of China, France, Germany,
12 the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and
13 the United States, with the High Representative of
14 the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Secu-
15 rity Policy, and all implementing materials and
16 agreements, including side agreements, related to
17 the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, and trans-
18 mitted by the President to Congress on July 19,
19 2015, pursuant to section 135(a) of the Atomic En-
20 ergy Act of 1954, as amended by the Iran Nuclear
21 Agreement Review Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–17;
22 129 Stat. 201).

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