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# S. 763

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9, 2023

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. COONS, and Mr. MARSHALL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Reduce Russian Ura-  
5 nium Imports Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE USEC PRIVATIZATION ACT.**

2 (a) PROHIBITION ON IMPORTS.—Section 3112A of  
3 the USEC Privatization Act (42 U.S.C. 2297h–10a) is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(d) PROHIBITION ON IMPORTS OF LOW-ENRICHED  
6 URANIUM.—

7 “(1) PROHIBITION.—Beginning on the date  
8 that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of  
9 this subsection, and subject to paragraphs (2) and  
10 (3), no unirradiated low-enriched uranium that is  
11 produced in the Russian Federation or by a Russian  
12 entity may be imported into the United States.

13 “(2) WAIVER.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
15 graphs (B) and (C), the Secretary of Energy, in  
16 consultation with the Secretary of State and the  
17 Secretary of Commerce, may waive the applica-  
18 tion of paragraph (1) to authorize the importa-  
19 tion of low-enriched uranium described in that  
20 paragraph if the Secretary of Energy deter-  
21 mines that—

22 “(i) no alternative viable source of  
23 low-enriched uranium is available to sus-  
24 tain the continued operation of a nuclear  
25 reactor or a United States nuclear energy  
26 company; or

1 “(ii) importation of low-enriched ura-  
2 nium that is produced in the Russian Fed-  
3 eration or by a Russian entity is in the na-  
4 tional interest.

5 “(B) LIMITATION ON AMOUNTS OF IM-  
6 PORTS OF LOW-ENRICHED URANIUM.—

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The importation  
8 into the United States of low-enriched ura-  
9 nium, including low-enriched uranium ob-  
10 tained under contracts for separative work  
11 units, that is produced in the Russian Fed-  
12 eration or by a Russian entity, whether or  
13 not such low-enriched uranium is derived  
14 from highly enriched uranium of weapons  
15 origin, may not exceed—

16 “(I) in calendar year 2023,  
17 578,877 kilograms;

18 “(II) in calendar year 2024,  
19 476,536 kilograms;

20 “(III) in calendar year 2025,  
21 470,376 kilograms;

22 “(IV) in calendar year 2026,  
23 464,183 kilograms; and

24 “(V) in calendar year 2027,  
25 459,083 kilograms.

1           “(ii) ADMINISTRATION.—The Sec-  
2           retary of Commerce shall—

3                   “(I) administer the import limita-  
4                   tions described in clause (i) in accord-  
5                   ance with the provisions of the Sus-  
6                   pension Agreement, including the pro-  
7                   visions described in subsection  
8                   (c)(2)(B)(i);

9                   “(II) be responsible for enforcing  
10                  the import limitations described in  
11                  clause (i); and

12                  “(III) enforce the import limita-  
13                  tions described in clause (i) in a man-  
14                  ner that imposes a minimal burden on  
15                  the commercial nuclear industry.

16           “(C) TERMINATION.—Any waiver issued  
17           under subparagraph (A) shall terminate not  
18           later than January 1, 2028.

19           “(D) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—

20                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—Upon issuing a  
21                   waiver under subparagraph (A), the Sec-  
22                   retary of Energy shall submit to the com-  
23                   mittees specified in clause (ii) a notifica-  
24                   tion that a waiver has been issued, which

1 shall include identification of the recipient  
2 of the waiver.

3 “(ii) COMMITTEES SPECIFIED.—The  
4 committees specified in this clause are—

5 “(I) the Committee on Energy  
6 and Natural Resources and the Com-  
7 mittee on Finance of the Senate; and

8 “(II) the Committee on Energy  
9 and Commerce and the Committee on  
10 Ways and Means of the House of  
11 Representatives.

12 “(3) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection does not  
13 apply to imports—

14 “(A) by or under contract to the Depart-  
15 ment of Energy for national security or non-  
16 proliferation purposes; or

17 “(B) of non-uranium isotopes.

18 “(4) TERMINATION.—The provisions of this  
19 subsection shall terminate on December 31, 2040.

20 “(5) RUSSIAN ENTITY DEFINED.—In this sub-  
21 section, the term ‘Russian entity’ means an entity  
22 organized under the laws of or otherwise subject to  
23 the jurisdiction of the Government of the Russian  
24 Federation.”.

25 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3112A(c) of the  
2 USEC Privatization Act (42 U.S.C. 2297h–10a(e))  
3 is amended—

4           (A) in paragraph (2)—

5           (i) in subparagraph (A)—

6           (I) in clause (viii), by inserting

7 “and” after the semicolon at the end;

8           (II) in clause (ix), by striking the

9 semicolon and inserting a period; and

10           (III) by striking clauses (x)

11 through (xxvii); and

12           (ii) in subparagraph (C)(i), by strik-

13 ing “paragraph (10)” and inserting “para-

14 graph (9)”;

15           (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “United  
16 States” and all that follows through “for proc-

17 essing” and inserting “United States for proc-18 essing”;

19           (C) by striking paragraph (5);

20           (D) by redesignating paragraphs (6)  
21 through (12) as paragraphs (5) through (11),  
22 respectively;

23           (E) in paragraph (5), as redesignated by  
24 subparagraph (D), by striking “In addition to

1 the adjustment under paragraph (5)(A), the”  
2 and inserting “The”;

3 (F) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (7),  
4 as so redesignated, by striking “paragraph  
5 (10)” and inserting “paragraph (9)”;

6 (G) in paragraph (8), as so redesignated,  
7 by striking “December 31, 2040” and inserting  
8 “the date described in subsection (d)(1)”;

9 (H) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (9),  
10 as so redesignated, by striking “paragraphs  
11 (2)(C) and (8)” and inserting “paragraphs  
12 (2)(C) and (7)”.

13 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment to sec-  
14 tion 3112A(c)(2)(A)(x) of the USEC Privatization  
15 Act (42 U.S.C. 2297h–10a(c)(2)(A)(x)) made by  
16 paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection shall take effect  
17 on the date that is 90 days after the date of the en-  
18 actment of this Act.

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