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Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

To improve title 18 of the United States Code.

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 “Foreign Evidence Re-
3 quest Efficiency Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO TITLE 18.**

5 Title 18 of the United States Code is amended—

6 (1) in section 2703—

7 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “by a
8 court with jurisdiction over the offense under
9 investigation or an equivalent State warrant”
10 and inserting “(or, in the case of a State court,
11 issued using State warrant procedures) by a
12 court of competent jurisdiction”;

13 (B) in subsection (b)(1)(A), by striking
14 “by a court with jurisdiction over the offense
15 under investigation or an equivalent State war-
16 rant” and inserting “(or, in the case of a State
17 court, issued using State warrant procedures)
18 by a court of competent jurisdiction”; and

19 (C) in subsection (c)(1)(A), by striking “by
20 a court with jurisdiction over the offense under
21 investigation or an equivalent State warrant”
22 and inserting “(or, in the case of a State court,
23 issued using State warrant procedures) by a
24 court of competent jurisdiction”;

25 (2) in section 2711(3), by striking “has the
26 meaning assigned by section 3127, and includes any

1 Federal court within that definition, without geo-
2 graphic limitation; and” and inserting the following:
3 “includes—

4 “(A) any district court of the United
5 States (including a magistrate judge of such a
6 court) or any United States court of appeals
7 that—

8 “(i) has jurisdiction over the offense
9 being investigated;

10 “(ii) is in or for a district in which the
11 provider of a wire or electronic communica-
12 tion service is located or in which the wire
13 or electronic communications, records, or
14 other information are stored; or

15 “(iii) is acting on a request for foreign
16 assistance pursuant to section 3512 of this
17 title; or

18 “(B) a court of general criminal jurisdic-
19 tion of a State authorized by the law of that
20 State to issue search warrants; and”;

21 (3) in section 3127(2)(A), by striking “having
22 jurisdiction over the offense being investigated;” and
23 inserting the following: “that—

24 “(i) has jurisdiction over the offense
25 being investigated;

1 “(ii) is in or for a district in which the
 2 provider of a wire or electronic communica-
 3 tion service is located;

4 “(iii) is in or for a district in which a
 5 landlord, custodian, or other person subject
 6 to subsections (a) or (b) of section 3124 of
 7 this title is located; or

8 “(iv) is acting on a request for foreign
 9 assistance pursuant to section 3512 of this
 10 title;”;

11 (4) in chapter 223, by adding at the end the
 12 following:

13 **“§ 3512. Foreign requests for assistance in criminal**
 14 **investigations and prosecutions**

15 “(a) EXECUTION OF REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon application, duly au-
 17 thorized by an appropriate official of the Depart-
 18 ment of Justice, of an attorney for the Government,
 19 a Federal judge may issue such orders as may be
 20 necessary to execute a request from a foreign au-
 21 thority for assistance in the investigation or prosecu-
 22 tion of criminal offenses, or in proceedings related to
 23 the prosecution of criminal offenses, including pro-
 24 ceedings regarding forfeiture, sentencing, and res-
 25 titution.

1 “(2) SCOPE OF ORDERS.—Any order issued by
2 a Federal judge pursuant to paragraph (1) may in-
3 clude the issuance of—

4 “(A) a search warrant, as provided under
5 Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Pro-
6 cedure;

7 “(B) a warrant or order for contents of
8 stored wire or electronic communications or for
9 records related thereto, as provided under sec-
10 tion 2703 of this title;

11 “(C) an order for a pen register or trap
12 and trace device as provided under section 3123
13 of this title; or

14 “(D) an order requiring the appearance of
15 a person for the purpose of providing testimony
16 or a statement, or requiring the production of
17 documents or other things, or both.

18 “(b) APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS TO TAKE TESTI-
19 MONY OR STATEMENTS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In response to an applica-
21 tion for execution of a request from a foreign au-
22 thority as described under subsection (a), a Federal
23 judge may also issue an order appointing a person
24 to direct the taking of testimony or statements or of

1 the production of documents or other things, or
2 both.

3 “(2) AUTHORITY OF APPOINTED PERSON.—Any
4 person appointed under an order issued pursuant to
5 paragraph (1) may—

6 “(A) issue orders requiring the appearance
7 of a person, or the production of documents or
8 other things, or both;

9 “(B) administer any necessary oath; and

10 “(C) take testimony or statements and re-
11 ceive documents or other things.

12 “(c) FILING OF REQUESTS.—Except as provided
13 under subsection (d), an application for execution of a re-
14 quest from a foreign authority under this section may be
15 filed—

16 “(1) in the district in which a person who may
17 be required to appear resides or is located or in
18 which the documents or things to be produced are
19 located;

20 “(2) in cases in which the request seeks the ap-
21 pearance of persons or production of documents or
22 things that may be located in multiple districts, in
23 any one of the districts in which such a person, doc-
24 uments, or things may be located; or

1 “(3) in any case, the district in which a related
2 Federal criminal investigation or prosecution is
3 being conducted, or in the District of Columbia.

4 “(d) SEARCH WARRANT LIMITATION.—An applica-
5 tion for execution of a request for a search warrant from
6 a foreign authority under this section, other than an appli-
7 cation for a warrant issued as provided under section 2703
8 of this title, shall be filed in the district in which the place
9 or person to be searched is located.

10 “(e) SEARCH WARRANT STANDARD.—A Federal
11 judge may issue a search warrant under this section only
12 if the foreign offense for which the evidence is sought in-
13 volves conduct that, if committed in the United States,
14 would be considered an offense punishable by imprison-
15 ment for more than one year under Federal or State law.

16 “(f) SERVICE OF ORDER OR WARRANT.—Except as
17 provided under subsection (d), an order or warrant issued
18 pursuant to this section may be served or executed in any
19 place in the United States.

20 “(g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
21 tion shall be construed to preclude any foreign authority
22 or an interested person from obtaining assistance in a
23 criminal investigation or prosecution pursuant to section
24 1782 of title 28, United States Code.

1 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the fol-
 2 lowing definitions shall apply:

3 “(1) FEDERAL JUDGE.—The terms ‘Federal
 4 judge’ and ‘attorney for the Government’ have the
 5 meaning given such terms for the purposes of the
 6 Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

7 “(2) FOREIGN AUTHORITY.—The term ‘foreign
 8 authority’ means a foreign judicial authority, a for-
 9 eign authority responsible for the investigation or
 10 prosecution of criminal offenses or for proceedings
 11 related to the prosecution of criminal offenses, or an
 12 authority designated as a competent authority or
 13 central authority for the purpose of making requests
 14 for assistance pursuant to an agreement or treaty
 15 with the United States regarding assistance in crimi-
 16 nal matters.”; and

17 (5) in the table of sections for chapter 223, by
 18 adding at the end the following:

“3512. Foreign requests for assistance in criminal investigations and prosecu-
 tions.”.

Passed the Senate July 10, 2009.

Attest:

NANCY ERICKSON,

Secretary.