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To review banking restrictions, strengthen anti-money laundering capacity, and update sanctions with respect to the Government of Syria, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and the Judiciary, 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

To review banking restrictions, strengthen anti-money laundering capacity, and update sanctions with respect to the Government of Syria, 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 “Syria Sanctions Ac-
5 countability Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVIEW OF EXCEPTIVE RELIEF FOR THE COMMER-**
2 **CIAL BANK OF SYRIA.**

3 Not later than 360 days after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act, the Director of the Financial Crimes En-
5 forcement Network shall provide a briefing to the Com-
6 mittee on Financial Services of the House of Representa-
7 tives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
8 Affairs of the Senate that contains the following:

9 (1) An evaluation of the impact of the exceptive
10 relief provided by the Financial Crimes Enforcement
11 Network under section 5318(a)(7) of title 31,
12 United States Code, with respect to the Commercial
13 Bank of Syria on May 23, 2025, including an as-
14 sessment of whether such exceptive relief advanced
15 the national security or foreign policy objectives of
16 the United States.

17 (2) A recommendation of whether or not to con-
18 tinue exceptive relief or revise any finding with re-
19 spect to the Commercial Bank of Syria under section
20 5318A(a)(1) of title 31, United States Code.

21 **SEC. 3. ACTIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY**
22 **FUND AND THE WORLD BANK.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury
24 shall instruct the United States Executive Directors at the
25 International Monetary Fund and the International Bank

1 for Reconstruction and Development to use the voice and
2 vote of the United States to support the following:

3 (1) The restoration of sound data reporting and
4 regular economic monitoring in Syria.

5 (2) Technical assistance for the Government of
6 Syria to improve financial connectivity and strength-
7 en measures, consistent with international stand-
8 ards, regarding anti-money laundering, weapons
9 non-proliferation, and anti-corruption.

10 (3) A strategy to address priorities for economic
11 growth in Syria.

12 (b) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS.—Within 180 days
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and 1 year
14 thereafter, the Secretary of the Treasury shall provide a
15 briefing to the Committee on Financial Services of the
16 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
17 Relations of the Senate on the activities described in sub-
18 section (a).

19 (c) SUNSET.—The preceding provisions of this sec-
20 tion shall have no force or effect beginning on the date
21 that is 2 years after the date of the enactment of this
22 Act.

1 **SEC. 4. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REVIEW OF COUNTRY LIM-**
2 **TATION SCHEDULE.**

3 Within 180 days after the date of the enactment of
4 this Act, the Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the
5 United States shall—

6 (1) determine whether any country limitation
7 applicable to the Bank with respect to Syria is ap-
8 propriate; and

9 (2) brief the Committee on Financial Services
10 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
11 on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Sen-
12 ate on the determination.

13 **SEC. 5. MODIFICATION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
14 **THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA.**

15 The Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2019
16 (title LXXIV of division F of Public Law 116–92; 22
17 U.S.C. 8791 note) is amended—

18 (1) in section 7431(a)—

19 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
20 by striking “for renewable periods not to exceed
21 180 days”;

22 (B) by striking paragraphs (1), (2), (3),
23 and (4) and inserting the following:

24 “(1) The air space over Syria is not being uti-
25 lized by the Government of Syria to target civilian
26 populations through the use of incendiary devices,

1 including barrel bombs, chemical weapons, and con-
2 ventional arms (including air-delivered missiles and
3 explosives).

4 “(2) Areas under the control of the Government
5 of Syria are no longer cut off from international aid
6 and have regular access to humanitarian assistance,
7 freedom of travel, and medical care.

8 “(3) The Government of Syria is releasing all
9 political prisoners forcibly held within the prison sys-
10 tem of the regime of Bashar al-Assad and the Gov-
11 ernment of Syria is allowing full access to prison
12 system facilities for investigations by appropriate
13 international human rights organizations.

14 “(4) The forces of the Government of Syria are
15 no longer engaged in deliberate targeting of medical
16 facilities, schools, residential areas, and community
17 gathering places, including markets, in violation of
18 international norms.”; and

19 (C) by adding after paragraph (7) the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(8) The Government of Syria is taking
22 verifiable steps to combat the illicit production and
23 international illicit proliferation of Captagon.

1 “(9) The Government of Syria is not engaged
2 in the targeting or extrajudicial detention of reli-
3 gious minorities in Syria.”;

4 (2) in section 7432—

5 (A) in subsection (b)—

6 (i) in paragraph (1)—

7 (I) by striking “, for renewable
8 periods not to exceed 180 days,”; and

9 (II) by striking “with respect to
10 a foreign person”; and

11 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “and
12 every 180 days thereafter while the waiver
13 remains in effect,”; and

14 (B) in subsection (c)—

15 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “, for
16 renewable periods not to exceed 2 years,”;
17 and

18 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “and
19 every 180 days thereafter while the waiver
20 remains in effect,”; and

21 (3) in section 7438 to read as follows:

22 **“SEC. 7438. SUNSET.**

23 “This title shall cease to be effective on the earlier
24 of—

1 “(1) the date that is 30 days after the date that
2 the President reports to Congress that the Govern-
3 ment of Syria has met the criteria described in para-
4 graphs (1) through (8) of section 7431(a) for 2 con-
5 secutive years; or
6 “(2) December 31, 2029.”.

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