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TEXT OF H.R. 4691, IRAN SANCTIONS RELIEF
REVIEW ACT OF 2023

[Showing the text of H.R. 4691, with modifications]

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Iran Sanctions Relief
3 Review Act of 2023”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF CERTAIN ACTIONS RE-**
5 **LATING TO SANCTIONS IMPOSED WITH RE-**
6 **SPECT TO IRAN.**

7 (a) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS OF PROPOSED AC-
8 TION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
10 provision of law, before taking any action described
11 in paragraph (2), the President shall submit to the
12 appropriate congressional committees and leadership
13 a report that describes the proposed action and the
14 reasons for that action.

15 (2) ACTIONS DESCRIBED.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—An action described in
17 this paragraph is—

1 (i) an action to terminate the applica-
2 tion of any sanctions described in subpara-
3 graph (B);

4 (ii) with respect to sanctions described
5 in subparagraph (B) imposed by the Presi-
6 dent with respect to a person, an action to
7 waive the application of those sanctions
8 with respect to that person; or

9 (iii) a licensing action that signifi-
10 cantly alters United States foreign policy
11 with respect to Iran.

12 (B) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanc-
13 tions described in this subparagraph are sanc-
14 tions with respect to Iran provided for under—

15 (i) the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996
16 (Public Law 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701
17 note);

18 (ii) the Comprehensive Iran Sanc-
19 tions, Accountability, and Divestment Act
20 of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8501 et seq.);

21 (iii) section 1245 of the National De-
22 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
23 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8513a);

1 (iv) the Iran Threat Reduction and
2 Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22
3 U.S.C. 8701 et seq.);

4 (v) the Iran Freedom and Counter-
5 Proliferation Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8801
6 et seq.);

7 (vi) the International Emergency Eco-
8 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 note);
9 or

10 (vii) any other statute or Executive
11 order that requires or authorizes the im-
12 position of sanctions with respect to Iran.

13 (3) DESCRIPTION OF TYPE OF ACTION.—Each
14 report submitted under paragraph (1) with respect
15 to an action described in paragraph (2) shall include
16 a description of whether the action—

17 (A) is not intended to significantly alter
18 United States foreign policy with respect to
19 Iran; or

20 (B) is intended to significantly alter
21 United States foreign policy with respect to
22 Iran.

23 (4) INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL MATTER.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—Each report submitted
25 under paragraph (1) that relates to an action

1 that is intended to significantly alter United
2 States foreign policy with respect to Iran shall
3 include a description of—

4 (i) the significant alteration to United
5 States foreign policy with respect to Iran;

6 (ii) the anticipated effect of the action
7 on the national security interests of the
8 United States; and

9 (iii) the policy objectives for which the
10 sanctions affected by the action were ini-
11 tially imposed.

12 (B) REQUESTS FROM BANKING AND FI-
13 NANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEES.—The Com-
14 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
15 of the Senate or the Committee on Financial
16 Services of the House of Representatives may
17 request the submission to the Committee of the
18 matter described in clauses (ii) and (iii) of sub-
19 paragraph (A) with respect to a report sub-
20 mitted under paragraph (1) that relates to an
21 action that is not intended to significantly alter
22 United States foreign policy with respect to
23 Iran.

24 (5) CONFIDENTIALITY OF PROPRIETARY INFOR-
25 MATION.—Proprietary information that can be asso-

1 ciated with a particular person with respect to an
2 action described in paragraph (2) may be included
3 in a report submitted under paragraph (1) only if
4 the appropriate congressional committees and lead-
5 ership provide assurances of confidentiality, unless
6 that person otherwise consents in writing to such
7 disclosure.

8 (6) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Paragraph
9 (2)(A)(iii) shall not be construed to require the sub-
10 mission of a report under paragraph (1) with respect
11 to the routine issuance of a license that does not sig-
12 nificantly alter United States foreign policy with re-
13 spect to Iran.

14 (b) PERIOD FOR REVIEW BY CONGRESS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the period of 30 cal-
16 endar days beginning on the date on which the
17 President submits a report under subsection
18 (a)(1)—

19 (A) in the case of a report that relates to
20 an action that is not intended to significantly
21 alter United States foreign policy with respect
22 to Iran, the Committee on Banking, Housing,
23 and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Com-
24 mittee on Financial Services of the House of
25 Representatives should, as appropriate, hold

1 hearings and briefings and otherwise obtain in-
2 formation in order to fully review the report;
3 and

4 (B) in the case of a report that relates to
5 an action that is intended to significantly alter
6 United States foreign policy with respect to
7 Iran, the Committee on Foreign Relations of
8 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Af-
9 fairs of the House of Representatives should, as
10 appropriate, hold hearings and briefings and
11 otherwise obtain information in order to fully
12 review the report.

13 (2) EXCEPTION.—The period for congressional
14 review under paragraph (1) of a report required to
15 be submitted under subsection (a)(1) shall be 60 cal-
16 endar days if the report is submitted on or after
17 July 10 and on or before September 7 in any cal-
18 endar year.

19 (3) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING INITIAL
20 CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PERIOD.—Notwithstanding
21 any other provision of law, during the period for
22 congressional review provided for under paragraph
23 (1) of a report submitted under subsection (a)(1)
24 proposing an action described in subsection (a)(2),
25 including any additional period for such review as

1 applicable under the exception provided in paragraph
2 (2), the President may not take that action unless
3 a joint resolution of approval with respect to that ac-
4 tion is enacted in accordance with subsection (c).

5 (4) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING PRESI-
6 DENTIAL CONSIDERATION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION
7 OF DISAPPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
8 vision of law, if a joint resolution of disapproval re-
9 lating to a report submitted under subsection (a)(1)
10 proposing an action described in subsection (a)(2)
11 passes both Houses of Congress in accordance with
12 subsection (c), the President may not take that ac-
13 tion for a period of 12 calendar days after the date
14 of passage of the joint resolution of disapproval.

15 (5) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING CONGRES-
16 SIONAL RECONSIDERATION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION
17 OF DISAPPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
18 vision of law, if a joint resolution of disapproval re-
19 lating to a report submitted under subsection (a)(1)
20 proposing an action described in subsection (a)(2)
21 passes both Houses of Congress in accordance with
22 subsection (c), and the President vetoes the joint
23 resolution, the President may not take that action
24 for a period of 10 calendar days after the date of
25 the President's veto.

1 (6) EFFECT OF ENACTMENT OF A JOINT RESO-
2 LUTION OF DISAPPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any
3 other provision of law, if a joint resolution of dis-
4 approval relating to a report submitted under sub-
5 section (a)(1) proposing an action described in sub-
6 section (a)(2) is enacted in accordance with sub-
7 section (c), the President may not take that action.

8 (c) JOINT RESOLUTIONS OF DISAPPROVAL OR AP-
9 PROVAL.—

10 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

11 (A) JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.—

12 The term “joint resolution of approval” means
13 only a joint resolution of either House of Con-
14 gress—

15 (i) the title of which is as follows: “A
16 joint resolution approving the President’s
17 proposal to take an action relating to the
18 application of certain sanctions with re-
19 spect to Iran.”; and

20 (ii) the sole matter after the resolving
21 clause of which is the following: “Congress
22 approves of the action relating to the appli-
23 cation of sanctions imposed with respect to
24 Iran proposed by the President in the re-
25 port submitted to Congress under section

1 2(a)(1) of the Iran Sanctions Relief Review
2 Act of 2023 on _____ relating
3 to _____.”, with the first
4 blank space being filled with the appro-
5 priate date and the second blank space
6 being filled with a short description of the
7 proposed action.

8 (B) JOINT RESOLUTION OF DIS-
9 APPROVAL.—The term “joint resolution of dis-
10 approval” means only a joint resolution of ei-
11 ther House of Congress—

12 (i) the title of which is as follows: “A
13 joint resolution disapproving the Presi-
14 dent’s proposal to take an action relating
15 to the application of certain sanctions with
16 respect to Iran.”; and

17 (ii) the sole matter after the resolving
18 clause of which is the following: “Congress
19 disapproves of the action relating to the
20 application of sanctions imposed with re-
21 spect to Iran proposed by the President in
22 the report submitted to Congress under
23 section 2(a)(1) of the Iran Sanctions Relief
24 Review Act of 2023 on _____
25 relating to _____.”, with the

1 first blank space being filled with the ap-
2 propriate date and the second blank space
3 being filled with a short description of the
4 proposed action.

5 (2) INTRODUCTION.—During the period of 30
6 calendar days provided for under subsection (b)(1),
7 including any additional period as applicable under
8 the exception provided in subsection (b)(2), a joint
9 resolution of approval or joint resolution of dis-
10 approval may be introduced—

11 (A) in the House of Representatives, by
12 the majority leader or the minority leader; and

13 (B) in the Senate, by the majority leader
14 (or the majority leader's designee) or the mi-
15 nority leader (or the minority leader's des-
16 ignee).

17 (3) FLOOR CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE OF REP-
18 REPRESENTATIVES.—If a committee of the House of
19 Representatives to which a joint resolution of ap-
20 proval or joint resolution of disapproval has been re-
21 ferred has not reported the joint resolution within
22 10 legislative days after the date of referral, that
23 committee shall be discharged from further consider-
24 ation of the joint resolution.

25 (4) CONSIDERATION IN THE SENATE.—

1 (A) COMMITTEE REFERRAL.—A joint reso-
2 lution of approval or joint resolution of dis-
3 approval introduced in the Senate shall be—

4 (i) referred to the Committee on
5 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs if
6 the joint resolution relates to a report
7 under subsection (a)(3)(A) that relates to
8 an action that is not intended to signifi-
9 cantly alter United States foreign policy
10 with respect to Iran; and

11 (ii) referred to the Committee on For-
12 eign Relations if the joint resolution relates
13 to a report under subsection (a)(3)(B) that
14 relates to an action that is intended to sig-
15 nificantly alter United States foreign policy
16 with respect to Iran.

17 (B) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—If the
18 committee to which a joint resolution of ap-
19 proval or joint resolution of disapproval was re-
20 ferred has not reported the joint resolution
21 within 10 calendar days after the date of refer-
22 ral of the joint resolution, that committee shall
23 be discharged from further consideration of the
24 joint resolution and the joint resolution shall be
25 placed on the appropriate calendar.

1 (C) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—
2 Notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing
3 Rules of the Senate, it is in order at any time
4 after the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
5 Urban Affairs or the Committee on Foreign Re-
6 lations, as the case may be, reports a joint reso-
7 lution of approval or joint resolution of dis-
8 approval to the Senate or has been discharged
9 from consideration of such a joint resolution
10 (even though a previous motion to the same ef-
11 fect has been disagreed to) to move to proceed
12 to the consideration of the joint resolution, and
13 all points of order against the joint resolution
14 (and against consideration of the joint resolu-
15 tion) are waived. The motion to proceed is not
16 debatable. The motion is not subject to a mo-
17 tion to postpone. A motion to reconsider the
18 vote by which the motion is agreed to or dis-
19 agreed to shall not be in order.

20 (D) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCE-
21 DURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair
22 relating to the application of the rules of the
23 Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure re-
24 lating to a joint resolution of approval or joint

1 resolution of disapproval shall be decided with-
2 out debate.

3 (E) CONSIDERATION OF VETO MES-
4 SAGES.—Debate in the Senate of any veto mes-
5 sage with respect to a joint resolution of ap-
6 proval or joint resolution of disapproval, includ-
7 ing all debatable motions and appeals in con-
8 nection with the joint resolution, shall be lim-
9 ited to 10 hours, to be equally divided between,
10 and controlled by, the majority leader and the
11 minority leader or their designees.

12 (5) RULES RELATING TO SENATE AND HOUSE
13 OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

14 (A) TREATMENT OF SENATE JOINT RESO-
15 LUTION IN HOUSE.—In the House of Rep-
16 resentatives, the following procedures shall
17 apply to a joint resolution of approval or a joint
18 resolution of disapproval received from the Sen-
19 ate (unless the House has already passed a
20 joint resolution relating to the same proposed
21 action):

22 (i) The joint resolution shall be re-
23 ferred to the appropriate committees.

24 (ii) If a committee to which a joint
25 resolution has been referred has not re-

1 ported the joint resolution within 5 legisla-
2 tive days after the date of referral, that
3 committee shall be discharged from further
4 consideration of the joint resolution.

5 (iii) Beginning on the third legislative
6 day after each committee to which a joint
7 resolution has been referred reports the
8 joint resolution to the House or has been
9 discharged from further consideration
10 thereof, it shall be in order to move to pro-
11 ceed to consider the joint resolution in the
12 House. All points of order against the mo-
13 tion are waived. Such a motion shall not be
14 in order after the House has disposed of a
15 motion to proceed on the joint resolution.
16 The previous question shall be considered
17 as ordered on the motion to its adoption
18 without intervening motion. The motion
19 shall not be debatable. A motion to recon-
20 sider the vote by which the motion is dis-
21 posed of shall not be in order.

22 (iv) The joint resolution shall be con-
23 sidered as read. All points of order against
24 the joint resolution and against its consid-
25 eration are waived. The previous question

1 shall be considered as ordered on the joint
2 resolution to final passage without inter-
3 vening motion except 2 hours of debate
4 equally divided and controlled by the spon-
5 sor of the joint resolution (or a designee)
6 and an opponent. A motion to reconsider
7 the vote on passage of the joint resolution
8 shall not be in order.

9 (B) TREATMENT OF HOUSE JOINT RESO-
10 LUTION IN SENATE.—

11 (i) RECEIPT BEFORE PASSAGE.—If,
12 before the passage by the Senate of a joint
13 resolution of approval or joint resolution of
14 disapproval, the Senate receives an iden-
15 tical joint resolution from the House of
16 Representatives, the following procedures
17 shall apply:

18 (I) That joint resolution shall not
19 be referred to a committee.

20 (II) With respect to that joint
21 resolution—

22 (aa) the procedure in the
23 Senate shall be the same as if no
24 joint resolution had been received

1 from the House of Representa-
2 tives; but

3 (bb) the vote on passage
4 shall be on the joint resolution
5 from the House of Representa-
6 tives.

7 (ii) RECEIPT AFTER PASSAGE.—If,
8 following passage of a joint resolution of
9 approval or joint resolution of disapproval
10 in the Senate, the Senate receives an iden-
11 tical joint resolution from the House of
12 Representatives, that joint resolution shall
13 be placed on the appropriate Senate cal-
14 endar.

15 (iii) NO COMPANION MEASURE.—If a
16 joint resolution of approval or a joint reso-
17 lution of disapproval is received from the
18 House, and no companion joint resolution
19 has been introduced in the Senate, the
20 Senate procedures under this subsection
21 shall apply to the House joint resolution.

22 (C) APPLICATION TO REVENUE MEAS-
23 URES.—The provisions of this paragraph shall
24 not apply in the House of Representatives to a

1 joint resolution of approval or joint resolution
2 of disapproval that is a revenue measure.

3 (6) RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
4 AND SENATE.—This subsection is enacted by Con-
5 gress—

6 (A) as an exercise of the rulemaking power
7 of the Senate and the House of Representa-
8 tives, respectively, and as such is deemed a part
9 of the rules of each House, respectively, and su-
10 persedes other rules only to the extent that it
11 is inconsistent with such rules; and

12 (B) with full recognition of the constitu-
13 tional right of either House to change the rules
14 (so far as relating to the procedure of that
15 House) at any time, in the same manner, and
16 to the same extent as in the case of any other
17 rule of that House.

18 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
19 AND LEADERSHIP DEFINED.—In this section, the term
20 “appropriate congressional committees and leadership”
21 means—

22 (1) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
23 Urban Affairs, the Committee on Foreign Relations,
24 and the majority and minority leaders of the Senate;
25 and

1 (2) the Committee on Financial Services, the
2 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Speaker, the
3 majority leader, and the minority leader of the
4 House of Representatives.

