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# S. 2929

To prohibit secret modifications and revocations of the law, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 23, 2009

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

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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 “Executive Order Integ-  
5 rity Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVOCATIONS, MODIFICATIONS, WAIVERS, AND**  
7 **SUSPENSIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMA-**  
8 **TIONS AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS.**

9 Section 1505 of title 44, United States Code, is  
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

1       “(d) REVOCATIONS, MODIFICATIONS, WAIVERS, AND  
2       SUSPENSIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS AND  
3       EXECUTIVE ORDERS.—

4               “(1) NOTICE REQUIRED.—If the President,  
5       whether formally or informally, and whether through  
6       express order, conduct, or other means—

7                       “(A) revokes, modifies, waives, or suspends  
8       any portion of a Presidential proclamation, Ex-  
9       ecutive Order, or other Presidential directive  
10      that was published in the Federal Register; or

11                      “(B) authorizes the revocation, modifica-  
12      tion, waiver, or suspension of any portion of  
13      such Presidential proclamation, Executive  
14      Order, or other Presidential directive;

15      notice of such revocation, modification, waiver, or  
16      suspension shall be published in the Federal Reg-  
17      ister within 30 days after the revocation, modifica-  
18      tion, waiver, or suspension, in accordance with the  
19      terms under paragraph (2).

20               “(2) CONTENT OF NOTICE.—

21                      “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided  
22      under subparagraph (B), the notice required  
23      under paragraph (1) shall specify—

24                              “(i) the Presidential proclamation,  
25      Executive Order, or other Presidential di-

1           rective, and any particular portion thereof  
2           that is affected;

3           “(ii) for each affected directive or por-  
4           tion thereof, whether that directive or por-  
5           tion thereof was revoked, modified, waived,  
6           or suspended; and

7           “(iii) except where such information is  
8           classified, the specific nature and cir-  
9           cumstances of the revocation, modification,  
10          waiver, or suspension.

11          “(B) REVISED EXECUTIVE ORDER.—  
12          Where the revocation, modification, waiver, or  
13          suspension of a Presidential proclamation, Ex-  
14          ecutive Order, or other Presidential directive is  
15          accomplished through the publication in the  
16          Federal Register of a revised Presidential proc-  
17          lamation, Executive Order, or other Presidential  
18          directive that replaces or amends the one that  
19          was revoked, modified, waived, or suspended,  
20          that revised Presidential proclamation, Execu-  
21          tive Order, or other Presidential directive shall  
22          constitute notice for purposes of paragraph (1).

23          “(3) CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—If the infor-  
24          mation specified under paragraph (2)(A)(iii) is clas-  
25          sified, such information shall be provided to Con-

1 gress, using the security procedures established  
2 under section 501(d) of the National Security Act of  
3 1947 (50 U.S.C. 413(d)), in the form of a classified  
4 annex delivered to—

5 “(A) the majority and minority leader of  
6 the Senate;

7 “(B) the Speaker, majority leader, and mi-  
8 nority leader of the House of Representatives;

9 “(C) the Committee on the Judiciary of  
10 the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary  
11 of the House of Representatives; and

12 “(D) if the information pertains to na-  
13 tional security matters, the Select Committee  
14 on Intelligence of the Senate and the Perma-  
15 nent Select Committee on Intelligence of the  
16 House of Representatives.

17 “(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
18 this subsection shall be construed as either author-  
19 izing or prohibiting the revocation, modification,  
20 waiver, or suspension of any Presidential proclama-  
21 tion, Executive Order, or other Presidential directive  
22 that was published in the Federal Register through  
23 means other than a formal directive issued by the  
24 President and published in the Federal Register.”.

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