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To impose certain measures with respect to Hezbollah-dominated areas in Lebanon and Latin America and to impose sanctions with respect to senior foreign political figures in Lebanon, Venezuela, Cuba, and Nicaragua supporting Hezbollah.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. PERRY, Mr. YOHIO, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. WALKER, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. BACON, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. GOSAR, Mrs. LESKO, and Mr. MCCLINTOCK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Financial Services, 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 impose certain measures with respect to Hezbollah-dominated areas in Lebanon and Latin America and to impose sanctions with respect to senior foreign political figures in Lebanon, Venezuela, Cuba, and Nicaragua supporting Hezbollah.

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 “Hezbollah Money
3 Laundering Prevention Act of 2020”.

4 **SEC. 2. MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO HEZBOLLAH-DOMI-**
5 **NATED AREAS IN LEBANON AND LATIN AMER-**
6 **ICA.**

7 (a) DETERMINATION REGARDING JURISDICTIONS OF
8 LEBANON.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
11 retary of the Treasury shall determine, under section
12 5318A of title 31, United States Code, whether rea-
13 sonable grounds exist for concluding that any of the
14 jurisdictions of Lebanon described in paragraph (2)
15 are jurisdictions of primary money laundering con-
16 cern.

17 (2) JURISDICTIONS DESCRIBED.—The jurisdic-
18 tions of Lebanon described in this paragraph are the
19 following:

20 (A) The Nabatieh Governorate.

21 (B) The Haret Hreik municipality in the
22 Baabda district in the Dahieh suburbs south of
23 Beirut.

24 (C) The Chiyah municipality in the
25 Baabda district in the western suburbs of Bei-
26 rut.

1 (D) The Hadeth Beirut municipality in the
2 Baabda district in the suburbs of Beirut.

3 (E) The Hermel district in the Baalbek-
4 Hermel Governorate.

5 (F) The Baalbek and Temnin el-Foka mu-
6 nicipalities in the Baalbe-Hermel Governorate.

7 (G) The Tyre district in the South
8 Governorate.

9 (b) DETERMINATION REGARDING THE ARGENTINA,
10 BRAZIL, PARAGUAY TRI-BORDER AREAS.—Not later than
11 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
12 Secretary of the Treasury shall determine, under section
13 5318A of title 31, United States Code, whether reasonable
14 grounds exist for concluding that the Argentina, Brazil,
15 Paraguay tri-border areas, are jurisdictions of primary
16 money laundering concern.

17 (c) PROHIBITIONS OR CONDITIONS ON OPENING OR
18 MAINTAINING CERTAIN CORRESPONDENT OR PAYABLE-
19 THROUGH ACCOUNTS.—If the Secretary of the Treasury
20 determines under subsection (a) or (b) that reasonable
21 grounds exist for concluding that any jurisdiction de-
22 scribed in subsection (a) or (b) is a jurisdiction of primary
23 money laundering concern, the Secretary, in consultation
24 with the Federal functional regulators (as defined in sec-
25 tion 509 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (15 U.S.C.

1 6809)), shall impose the special measures described in sec-
2 tion 5318A(b)(5) of title 31, United States Code, with re-
3 spect to the Central Bank of Syria.

4 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
6 making a determination under subsection (a) and
7 (b) with respect to whether a jurisdiction is a juris-
8 diction of primary money laundering concern, the
9 Secretary of the Treasury shall submit to the appro-
10 priate congressional committees a report that in-
11 cludes the reasons for the determination.

12 (2) FORM.—A report required by paragraph (1)
13 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
14 clude a classified annex.

15 (3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
16 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
17 propriate congressional committees” means—

18 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
19 the Committee on Financial Services of the
20 House of Representatives; and

21 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
22 and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
23 Urban Affairs of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 3. SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO SENIOR FOREIGN**
2 **POLITICAL FIGURES IN LEBANON, VEN-**
3 **EZUELA, CUBA, AND NICARAGUA SUP-**
4 **PORTING HEZBOLLAH.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall impose the
6 sanctions described in subsection (c) with respect to each
7 individual on the list required by subsection (b).

8 (b) LIST.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
11 President shall submit to the appropriate congres-
12 sional committees a list of individuals who are senior
13 foreign political figures in Lebanon, Venezuela,
14 Cuba, and Nicaragua that the President determines
15 have knowingly provided material support to or en-
16 gaged in a significant transaction with Hezbollah or
17 meet the criteria for sanctions under the Hezbollah
18 International Financing Prevention Act, the
19 Hezbollah International Financing Amendment Act,
20 or the Global Magnitsky Human Rights and Ac-
21 countability Act.

22 (2) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—The Presi-
23 dent shall include Major General Abbas Ibrahim, the
24 head of Lebanon’s General Directorate of General
25 Security, on the list required by this subsection.

1 (3) FORM.—The list required by this subsection
2 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may con-
3 tain a classified annex.

4 (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
5 scribed in this subsection with respect to an individual are
6 the sanctions described in section 1263(b) of the Global
7 Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (subtitle F
8 of title XII of Public Law 114–328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note).

9 (d) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NATIONS
10 HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT; ENFORCEMENT.—Sub-
11 sections (e) and (f) of section 1263 of the Global
12 Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (22 U.S.C.
13 2656 note) apply with respect to the imposition of sanc-
14 tions under this section to the same extent as such sub-
15 sections apply with respect to the imposition of sanctions
16 under such section 1263.

17 (e) WAIVER.—The President may waive the imposi-
18 tion of sanctions under subsection (c) with respect to an
19 individual if the President—

20 (1) determines that such a waiver is in the na-
21 tional interests of the United States; and

22 (2) submits to the appropriate congressional
23 committees notice of, and a justification for, the
24 waiver.

1 (f) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The President shall
2 issue such regulations, licenses, and orders as are nec-
3 essary to carry out this section.

4 (g) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF
5 GOODS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The authorities and require-
7 ments to impose sanctions under this section shall
8 not include the authority or requirement to impose
9 sanctions on the importation of goods.

10 (2) GOOD DEFINED.—In this subsection, the
11 term “good” means any article, natural or man-
12 made substance, material, supply or manufactured
13 product, including inspection and test equipment,
14 and excluding technical data.

15 (h) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
16 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
17 gressional committees” means—

18 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
19 Committee on Financial Services of the House of
20 Representatives; and

21 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
22 the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
23 fairs of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 4. SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN PERSONS**
2 **SUPPORTING HEZBOLLAH IN LATIN AMER-**
3 **ICA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall impose the
5 sanctions described in subsection (c) with respect to each
6 foreign person on the list required by subsection (b).

7 (b) LIST.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
10 President shall submit to the appropriate congres-
11 sional committees a list of foreign persons that the
12 President determines have knowingly directly or in-
13 directly engaged in significant transactions with or
14 provided material support to Hezbollah in Mexico,
15 Venezuela, Paraguay, Argentina, Brazil, Panama,
16 Cuba, Bolivia, or any other country in Latin Amer-
17 ica.

18 (2) FORM.—The list required by this subsection
19 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may con-
20 tain a classified annex.

21 (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
22 scribed in this subsection with respect to a foreign person
23 are the sanctions described in section 1263(b) of the Glob-
24 al Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (subtitle
25 F of title XII of Public Law 114–328; 22 U.S.C. 2656
26 note).

1 (d) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NATIONS
2 HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT; ENFORCEMENT.—Sub-
3 sections (e) and (f) of section 1263 of the Global
4 Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act apply with
5 respect to the imposition of sanctions under this section
6 to the same extent as such subsections apply with respect
7 to the imposition of sanctions under such section 1263.

8 (e) WAIVER.—The President may waive the imposi-
9 tion of sanctions with respect to a foreign person under
10 this section if the President—

11 (1) determines that such a waiver is in the na-
12 tional interests of the United States; and

13 (2) submits to the appropriate congressional
14 committees notice of, and a justification for, the
15 waiver.

16 (f) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The President shall
17 issue such regulations, licenses, and orders as are nec-
18 essary to carry out this section.

19 (g) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF
20 GOODS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The authorities and require-
22 ments to impose sanctions under this section shall
23 not include the authority or requirement to impose
24 sanctions on the importation of goods.

1 (2) GOOD DEFINED.—In this subsection, the
2 term “good” means any article, natural or man-
3 made substance, material, supply or manufactured
4 product, including inspection and test equipment,
5 and excluding technical data.

6 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
8 TEES.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
9 gressional committees” means—

10 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
11 the Committee on Financial Services of the
12 House of Representatives; and

13 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
14 and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
15 Urban Affairs of the Senate.

16 (2) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-
17 son” has the meaning given the term in section
18 1262 of the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Ac-
19 countability Act (22 U.S.C. 2656 note).

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