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H. R. 9563

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received

AN ACT

To amend title 28, United States Code, to limit the availability of civil actions affected by United States sanctions, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Americans
3 from Russian Litigation Act of 2024”.

4 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

5 It is the policy of the United States—

6 (1) to ensure that United States persons are
7 not disadvantaged for actions or omissions under-
8 taken to comply with United States sanctions and
9 export controls; and

10 (2) to ensure that foreign persons, or those act-
11 ing on their behalf, cannot obtain compensation for
12 any action directly or indirectly related to United
13 States persons attempting in good faith to comply
14 with their obligations under United States sanctions.

15 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON CIVIL ACTIONS AFFECTED BY**
16 **UNITED STATES SANCTIONS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 111 of title 28, United
18 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
19 lowing:

20 **“§ 1660. Limitation on civil actions affected by United**
21 **States sanctions**

22 “(a) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any provision of
23 law, a person may not bring a civil action in Federal court
24 to obtain relief for a claim where—

25 “(1) the underlying conduct or circumstances
26 giving rise to the claim resulted from the imposition

1 of United States sanctions impeding the perform-
2 ance of a contract (whether directly or indirectly, or
3 in whole or in part); and

4 “(2) the United States sanctions described in
5 paragraph (1) went into effect after the date on
6 which the contract was executed.

7 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
8 tion may be construed to limit—

9 “(1) the authority of the President, or any dele-
10 gate of the President (including the Office of For-
11 eign Asset Control of the Department of the Treas-
12 ury), to restrict or authorize legal services, to enter
13 into a settlement agreement, or to enforce any lien,
14 judgment, arbitral award, decree, or other order
15 through execution, garnishment, or other judicial
16 process; or

17 “(2) any right, remedy, or cause of action avail-
18 able to a victim of international terrorism, torture,
19 extrajudicial killing, aircraft sabotage, or hostage
20 taking, who is, or was at the time of the victim’s in-
21 jury, a national of the United States, a member of
22 the United States Armed Forces, an employee of the
23 United States Government, or an individual per-
24 forming a contract awarded by the United States
25 Government acting within the scope of their employ-

1 ment, or a family member of any such victim, under
2 any applicable State or Federal law, including—

3 “(A) chapter 97 of this title;

4 “(B) chapter 113B of title 18; and

5 “(C) the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria
6 Human Rights Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8701 et
7 seq.), and any other laws providing for the ap-
8 plication of sanctions with respect to Iran or
9 Syria.

10 “(c) UNITED STATES SANCTIONS DEFINED.—In this
11 section, the term ‘United States sanctions’ means any pro-
12 hibition, restriction, or condition on transactions involving
13 property in which any foreign country or national thereof
14 has an interest that is imposed by the United States to
15 address threats to the national security, foreign policy, or
16 economy of the United States pursuant to—

17 “(1) section 203 of the International Emer-
18 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702); or

19 “(2) any other provision of law, including any
20 export controls.”.

 Passed the House of Representatives December 3,
2024.

Attest:

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,

Clerk.