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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. RICKETTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## A BILL

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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 “Enhanced Iran Sanc-

5 tions Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States—

1           (1) that, in accordance with the Iran Nuclear  
2       Weapons Capability and Terrorism Monitoring Act  
3       of 2022 (22 U.S.C. 8701 note; Public Law 117–  
4       263), the United States must—

5           (A) ensure that the Islamic Republic of  
6       Iran does not acquire a nuclear weapons capa-  
7       bility;

8           (B) protect against aggression from the Is-  
9       lamic Republic of Iran manifested through its  
10      missiles and drone programs; and

11          (C) counter regional and global terrorism  
12      of the Islamic Republic of Iran in a manner  
13      that minimizes the threat posed by state and  
14      non-state actors to the interests of the United  
15      States;

16          (2) to fully enforce sanctions against all persons  
17      involved in the international logistical chain that  
18      provide support to the energy sector of the Islamic  
19      Republic of Iran;

20          (3) through such sanctions, to deny the Islamic  
21      Republic of Iran the financial resources required—

22           (A) to fund and facilitate international ter-  
23      rorism;

24           (B) to finance the development of weapons  
25      of mass destruction;

1 (C) to engage in destabilizing efforts  
2 abroad; and

3 (D) to repress the rights of Iranian citi-  
4 zens; and

5 (4) to strengthen coherence among members of  
6 the international community in enforcing sanctions  
7 on the malign activity of the Islamic Republic of  
8 Iran.

9 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

10 In this Act:

11 (1) ADMITTED; ALIEN.—The terms “admitted”  
12 and “alien” have the meanings given those terms in  
13 section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality  
14 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)).

15 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
16 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
17 mittees” means—

18 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,  
19 the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-  
20 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
21 of the Senate; and

22 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the  
23 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-  
24 mittee on Financial Services of the House of  
25 Representatives.

1           (3) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-  
2       son” means a person that is not a United States  
3       person, including the government of a foreign coun-  
4       try.

5           (4) KNOWINGLY.—The term “knowingly”, with  
6       respect to conduct, a circumstance, or a result,  
7       means that a person has actual knowledge, or should  
8       have known, of the conduct, the circumstance, or the  
9       result.

10          (5) PROPERTY; INTEREST IN PROPERTY.—The  
11       terms “property” and “interest in property” have  
12       the meanings given the terms “property” and “prop-  
13       erty interest”, respectively, in section 576.312 of  
14       title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on  
15       the day before the date of the enactment of this Act.

16          (6) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term  
17       “United States person” means—

18               (A) an individual who is a United States  
19       citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for perma-  
20       nent residence to the United States;

21               (B) an entity organized under the laws of  
22       the United States or any jurisdiction within the  
23       United States, including a foreign branch of  
24       such an entity; or

25               (C) any person in the United States.

1 **SEC. 4. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO PER-**  
2 **SONS ENGAGED IN LOGISTICAL TRANS-**  
3 **ACTIONS OF OIL, GAS, LIQUEFIED NATURAL**  
4 **GAS, AND PETROCHEMICAL PRODUCTS FROM**  
5 **THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date of the en-  
7 actment of this Act, the President shall impose the sanc-  
8 tions described in subsection (b) with respect to any for-  
9 eign person, including any bank or foreign financial insti-  
10 tution, insurance provider, flagging registry, pipeline con-  
11 struction or operation facility for liquefied natural gas,  
12 that—

13 (1) the President determines knowingly engaged  
14 in, on or after such date of enactment, any trans-  
15 action involved in, relating or incident to the proc-  
16 essing, export, or sale of oil, condensates, gas, lique-  
17 fied natural gas, or other petrochemical products in  
18 whole or in part from the Islamic Republic of Iran;

19 (2) is a subsidiary, successor, or alias of a for-  
20 eign person described in paragraph (1);

21 (3)(A) directly or indirectly owns or controls a  
22 50 percent or greater interest in or is owned or con-  
23 trolled by a 50 percent or greater interest of a for-  
24 eign person or foreign persons subject to sanctions  
25 pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2); and

1 (B) directly or indirectly conducts a significant  
 2 transaction with, for, or on behalf of a foreign per-  
 3 son described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section  
 4 3(b) of the Stop Harboring Iranian Petroleum Act  
 5 (22 U.S.C. 8572);

6 (4) the President determines is a corporate offi-  
 7 cer of a foreign person described paragraph (1), (2),  
 8 or (3); or

9 (5) is an immediate family member of a foreign  
 10 person described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3).

11 (b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-  
 12 scribed in this subsection are the following:

13 (1) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—The President  
 14 shall, pursuant to the International Emergency Eco-  
 15 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), block  
 16 and prohibit all transactions in property and inter-  
 17 ests in property of a foreign person subject to sanc-  
 18 tions pursuant to subsection (a)(1) if such property  
 19 and interests in property are in the United States,  
 20 come within the United States, or are or come with-  
 21 in the possession or control of a United States per-  
 22 son.

23 (2) ALIENS INADMISSIBLE FOR VISAS, ADMIS-  
 24 SION, OR PAROLE.—

(A) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—In the case of an alien subject to sanctions pursuant to subsection (a), the alien is—

(i) inadmissible to the United States;

(ii) ineligible to receive a visa or other documentation to enter the United States; and

(iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted or paroled into the United States or to receive any other benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

(B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The visa or other entry documentation of an alien described in subparagraph (A) shall be revoked, regardless of when such visa or other entry documentation was issued.

(ii) IMMEDIATE EFFECT.—A revocation under clause (i) shall—

(I) take effect immediately; and

(II) automatically cancel any other valid visa or entry documentation that is in the alien's possession.

(c) EXCEPTIONS.—

1           (1) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF  
2       GOODS.—

3           (A) IN GENERAL.—The requirement to im-  
4       pose sanctions under this section shall not in-  
5       clude the authority or a requirement to impose  
6       sanctions on the importation of goods.

7           (B) GOOD DEFINED.—In this paragraph,  
8       the term “good” means any article, natural or  
9       manmade substance, material, supply, or manu-  
10      factured product, including inspection and test  
11      equipment, and excluding technical data.

12          (2) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-  
13      NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT  
14      ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions under subsection (b)(2)  
15      shall not apply with respect to an alien if admitting  
16      or paroling the alien into the United States is nec-  
17      essary—

18           (A) to permit the United States to comply  
19      with the Agreement regarding the Head-  
20      quarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake  
21      Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force  
22      November 21, 1947, between the United Na-  
23      tions and the United States, or other applicable  
24      international obligations; or



1 (B) to carry out or assist authorized law  
2 enforcement activity in the United States.

3 (d) WAIVER.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may, on a  
5 case-by-case basis for a period of not more than 180  
6 days, waive the application of sanctions imposed  
7 with respect to a foreign person under this section  
8 if the President—

9 (A) certifies to the appropriate congres-  
10 sional committees that the waiver is vital to the  
11 national interests of the United States; and

12 (B) submits with the certification required  
13 under subparagraph (A) a detailed justification  
14 explaining the reasons for the waiver.

15 (2) RENEWAL OF WAIVER.—The President  
16 may, on a case-by-case basis, renew a waiver issued  
17 under paragraph (1) for additional periods of not  
18 more than 180 days each up to a total of 2 years  
19 if the President—

20 (A) determines that the renewal of the  
21 waiver is vital to the national interests of the  
22 United States; and

23 (B) not less than 15 days before the waiv-  
24 er expires, submits to the appropriate congres-

1           sional committees a report on the renewal of  
2           the waiver that includes—

3                   (i) a justification for the renewal of  
4                   the waiver; and

5                   (ii) a detailed plan to phase out the  
6                   need for any such waiver issued with re-  
7                   spect to such foreign person.

8           (3) TERMINATION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

9           The authority to issue a waiver under this sub-  
10          section shall terminate on February 1, 2029.

11          (e) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

12                  (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-  
13          ercise all authorities provided under sections 203  
14          and 205 of the International Emergency Economic  
15          Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out  
16          subsection (b)(1).

17                  (2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-  
18          tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a  
19          violation of subsection (b)(1) or any regulation, li-  
20          cense, or order issued to carry out that subsection  
21          shall be subject to the penalties set forth in sub-  
22          sections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-  
23          national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50  
24          U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that

1 commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a)  
2 of that section.

3 (f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Section 4(a)(3)(A)  
4 shall be construed to be consistent with Frequently Asked  
5 Questions 398 through 402, published by the Office of  
6 Foreign Assets Control on August 11, 2020, and August  
7 13, 2014, or any successors to such frequently asked ques-  
8 tions.

9 **SEC. 5. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON IRANIAN SANC-**  
10 **TIONS.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after  
12 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
13 State shall establish a working group to be known as the  
14 “Interagency Working Group on Iranian Sanctions” (re-  
15 ferred to in this section as the “Working Group”).

16 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Working Group shall be  
17 composed one or more representatives from each of the  
18 following:

19 (1) The Department of State.

20 (2) The Department of the Treasury.

21 (3) The Department of Justice.

22 (4) Such other Federal departments or agencies  
23 as the Secretary of State determines appropriate.

24 (c) CHAIR.—The President shall designate a Chair  
25 of the Working Group.

1 (d) MULTILATERAL CONTACT GROUP.—

2 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Working Group  
3 shall endeavor to establish a multilateral contact  
4 group with like-minded nations to coordinate inter-  
5 national efforts to enforce sanctions imposed with  
6 respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

7 (2) DUTIES.—The multilateral contact group  
8 shall—

9 (A) share information on evolving sanc-  
10 tions frameworks to identify areas of difference  
11 or enforcement gaps;

12 (B) share information on newly-designated  
13 entities,

14 (C) raise awareness of new sanctions eva-  
15 sion practices; and

16 (D) coordinate on new measures to curb  
17 Iranian malign activity, including uranium en-  
18 richment activities, ballistic missile production,  
19 and support for terrorism.

20 **SEC. 6. PRIVATE SECTOR REPORTING ON PERSONS EN-**  
21 **GAGED IN SANCTIONABLE ACTIVITIES OR**  
22 **SANCTIONS EVASION.**

23 Section 36(b) of the State Department Basic Au-  
24 thorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2708(b)) is amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (13), by striking “; or” and  
2 inserting a semicolon;

3           (2) in paragraph (14), by striking the period at  
4 the end and inserting “; or”; and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following para-  
6 graph:

7           “(15) the identification a person described in  
8 section 4(a) of the Enhanced Iran Sanctions Act of  
9 2025 or any person that has attempted or is at-  
10 tempting to evade sanctions imposed under such Act  
11 with proceeds generated by the sale of intercepted  
12 oil, gas, liquefied natural gas, petrochemical prod-  
13 ucts, or related products from the Islamic Republic  
14 of Iran.”.

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