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Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Mr. MOSKOWITZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

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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 “Stop Harboring Ira-
5 nian Petroleum Act” or the “SHIP Act”.

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

7 It is the policy of the United States—

1 (1) to deny Iran the ability to engage in desta-
2 bilizing activities, support international terrorism,
3 fund the development and acquisition of weapons of
4 mass destruction, and the means to deliver them by
5 limiting Iran's export of petroleum and petroleum
6 products;

7 (2) to deny Iran funds to oppress and commit
8 human rights violations against the Iranian people
9 assembling to peacefully redress the Iranian regime;

10 (3) to sanction those entities who violate United
11 States law by providing support to the Iranian en-
12 ergy sector; and

13 (4) that Iran's actions to finance and facilitate
14 the participation of foreign terrorist organizations in
15 ongoing conflicts and illicit activities is detrimental
16 to the security interests of the United States.

17 **SEC. 3. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO IRA-**
18 **NIAN PETROLEUM.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date that is 90
20 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and ex-
21 cept as provided in subsection (e)(2), the President shall
22 impose the sanctions described in subsection (c) with re-
23 spect to each foreign person that the President deter-
24 mines, on or after such date of enactment, engages in an
25 activity described in subsection (b).

1 (b) ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.—A foreign person en-
2 gages in an activity described in this paragraph if the for-
3 eign person—

4 (1) knowingly owns or operates a foreign port
5 where at least 1 designated vessel has landed on or
6 after the date of enactment of this Act at such port
7 for the purpose of transporting Iranian crude oil;

8 (2) knowingly transports, offloads, or otherwise
9 deals in petroleum or petroleum products, including
10 petrochemicals, originating from Iran;

11 (3) knowingly owns or operates a vessel used to
12 conduct ship-to-ship transfers of petroleum or petro-
13 leum products originating from Iran;

14 (4) owns or operates a refinery that knowingly
15 processes, refines, or otherwise deals in petroleum or
16 petroleum products originating from Iran;

17 (5) is an adult family member of a foreign per-
18 son described in any of paragraphs (1) through (4);

19 (6) is owned or controlled by a foreign person
20 described in any of paragraphs (1) through (5); or

21 (7) knowingly engages in a significant trans-
22 action with, or provides material support to or for,
23 a foreign person described in any of paragraphs (1)
24 through (6).

1 (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
2 scribed in this subsection with respect to a foreign person
3 described in subsection (a) are the following:

4 (1) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—The President
5 shall exercise all of the powers granted to the Presi-
6 dent under the International Emergency Economic
7 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the extent
8 necessary to block and prohibit all transactions in
9 property and interests in property of the foreign per-
10 son if such property and interests in property are in
11 the United States, come within the United States, or
12 are or come within the possession or control of a
13 United States person.

14 (2) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMISSION, OR
15 PAROLE.—

16 (A) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—An
17 alien described in subsection (a) is—

18 (i) inadmissible to the United States;

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

21 and

22 (iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted
23 or paroled into the United States or to re-
24 ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-

1 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et
2 seq.).

3 (B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

4 (i) IN GENERAL.—An alien described
5 in subsection (a) is subject to revocation of
6 any visa or other entry documentation re-
7 gardless of when the visa or other entry
8 documentation is or was issued.

9 (ii) IMMEDIATE EFFECT.—A revoca-
10 tion under clause (i) shall take effect im-
11 mediately and automatically cancel any
12 other valid visa or entry documentation
13 that is in the alien's possession.

14 (C) EXCEPTIONS.—Sanctions under this
15 paragraph shall not apply with respect to an
16 alien if admitting or paroling the alien into the
17 United States is necessary—

18 (i) to permit the United States to
19 comply with the Agreement regarding the
20 Headquarters of the United Nations,
21 signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947,
22 and entered into force November 21, 1947,
23 between the United Nations and the
24 United States, or other applicable inter-
25 national obligations; or

1 (ii) to carry out or assist law enforce-
2 ment activity in the United States.

3 (3) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in
4 subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-
5 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
6 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to a person that violates,
7 attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
8 violation of this section or any regulations promul-
9 gated to carry out this section to the same extent
10 that such penalties apply to a person that commits
11 an unlawful act described in section 206(a) of that
12 Act.

13 (d) IMPLEMENTATION; REGULATIONS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may exercise
15 all authorities under sections 203 and 205 of the
16 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
17 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) for purposes of carrying out
18 this section.

19 (2) DEADLINE FOR REGULATIONS.—Not later
20 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
21 this Act, the President shall prescribe such regula-
22 tions as may be necessary for the implementation of
23 this Act.

24 (3) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later
25 than 10 days before the prescription of regulations

1 under paragraph (2), the President shall brief and
2 provide written notification to the appropriate con-
3 gressional committees regarding—

4 (A) the proposed regulations; and

5 (B) the specific provisions of this Act that
6 the regulations are implementing.

7 (e) WAIVER.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may, on a
9 case-by-case basis and for periods not to exceed 180
10 days each, waive the application of sanctions im-
11 posed with respect to a foreign person under this
12 section if the President certifies to the appropriate
13 congressional committees, not later than 15 days be-
14 fore such waiver is to take effect, that the waiver is
15 vital to the national security interests of the United
16 States.

17 (2) SPECIAL RULE.—The President shall not be
18 required to impose sanctions under this section with
19 respect to a foreign person described in subsection
20 (a) if the President certifies in writing to the appro-
21 priate congressional committees that the foreign per-
22 son—

23 (A) is no longer engaging in activities de-
24 scribed in subsection (b); or

1 (B) has taken and is continuing to take
2 significant, verifiable steps toward permanently
3 terminating such activities.

4 (f) TERMINATION.—The authorities provided by this
5 section shall cease to have effect on and after the date
6 that is 30 days after the date on which the President cer-
7 tifies to the appropriate congressional committees that—

8 (1) the Government of Iran no longer repeat-
9 edly provides support for international terrorism as
10 determined by the Secretary of State pursuant to—

11 (A) section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Export
12 Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.
13 4318(c)(1)(A));

14 (B) section 620A of the Foreign Assistance
15 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

16 (C) section 40 of the Arms Export Control
17 Act (22 U.S.C. 2780); or

18 (D) any other provision of law; and

19 (2) Iran has ceased the pursuit, acquisition,
20 and development of, and verifiably dismantled, its
21 nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons, ballistic
22 missiles, and ballistic missile launch technology.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON IRANIAN PETROLEUM AND PETRO-**
2 **LEUM PRODUCTS EXPORTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
5 until the date described in subsection (d), the Adminis-
6 trator of the Energy Information Administration shall
7 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
8 port describing Iran’s growing exports of petroleum and
9 petroleum products, that includes the following:

10 (1) An analysis of Iran’s exports and sale of pe-
11 troleum and petroleum products, including—

12 (A) an estimate of Iran’s petroleum export
13 and sale revenue per year since 2018;

14 (B) an estimate of Iran’s petroleum export
15 and sale revenue to China per year since 2018;

16 (C) the amount of petroleum and crude oil
17 barrels exported per year since 2018;

18 (D) the amount of petroleum and crude oil
19 barrels exported to China per year since 2018;

20 (E) the amount of petroleum and crude oil
21 barrels exported to countries other than China
22 per year since 2018;

23 (F) the average price per petroleum and
24 crude oil barrel exported per year since 2018;

25 and

1 (G) the average price per petroleum and
2 crude oil barrel exported to China per year
3 since 2018.

4 (2) An analysis of Iran's labeling practices of
5 exported petroleum and petroleum products.

6 (3) A description of companies involved in the
7 exporting and sale of Iranian petroleum and petro-
8 leum products.

9 (4) A description of ships involved in the ex-
10 porting and sale of Iranian petroleum and petroleum
11 products.

12 (5) A description of ports involved in the ex-
13 porting and sale of Iranian petroleum and petroleum
14 products.

15 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
16 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include
17 a classified annex.

18 (c) PUBLICATION.—The unclassified portion of the
19 report required by subsection (a) shall be posted on a pub-
20 licly available website of the Energy Information Adminis-
21 tration.

22 (d) TERMINATION.—The requirement to submit re-
23 ports under this section shall be terminated on the date
24 on which the President makes the certification described
25 in section 3(f).

1 **SEC. 5. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
2 **FINED.**

3 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
4 mittees” means—

5 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
6 Committee on Financial Services of the House of
7 Representatives; and

8 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
9 the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
10 fairs of the Senate.

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