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To impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in logistical transactions and sanctions evasion relating to oil, gas, liquefied natural gas, and related petrochemical products from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes.

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Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK) 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 “Enhanced Iran Sanc-
5 tions Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

2 It is the policy of the United States—

3 (1) that, in accordance with the Iran Nuclear 2
4 Weapons Capability and Terrorism Monitoring Act
5 of 2022 (22 U.S.C. 8701 note; Public Law 117–
6 4263), the United States must—

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

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

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

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

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

24 (A) to fund and facilitate international ter-
25 rorism;

1 (B) to finance the development of weapons
2 of mass destruction;

3 (C) to engage in destabilizing efforts
4 abroad; and

5 (D) to repress the rights of Iranian citi-
6 zens; and

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

11 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

12 In this Act:

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

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

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

24 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
25 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-

1 mittee on Financial Services of the House of
2 Representatives.

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

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

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

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

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

23 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
24 the United States or any jurisdiction within the

1 United States, including a foreign branch of
2 such an entity; or

3 (C) any person in the United States.

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

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

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

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

24 (3)(A) directly or indirectly owns or controls a
25 50 percent or greater interest in or is owned or con-

1 trolled by a 50 percent or greater interest of a for-
2 eign person or foreign persons subject to sanctions
3 pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2); and

4 (B) directly or indirectly conducts a significant
5 transaction with, for, or on behalf of a foreign per-
6 son described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section
7 3(b) of the Stop Harboring Iranian Petroleum Act
8 (22 U.S.C. 8572);

9 (4) the President determines is a corporate offi-
10 cer of a foreign person described paragraph (1), (2),
11 or (3); or

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

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

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

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

3 (A) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—In
4 the case of an alien subject to sanctions pursu-
5 ant to subsection (a), the alien is—

6 (i) inadmissible to the United States;

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

10 (iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted
11 or paroled into the United States or to re-
12 ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-
13 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et
14 seq.).

15 (B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

16 (i) IN GENERAL.—The visa or other
17 entry documentation of an alien described
18 in subparagraph (A) shall be revoked, re-
19 gardless of when such visa or other entry
20 documentation was issued.

21 (ii) IMMEDIATE EFFECT.—A revoca-
22 tion under clause (i) shall—

23 (I) take effect immediately; and

1 (II) automatically cancel any
2 other valid visa or entry documenta-
3 tion that is in the alien's possession.

4 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—

5 (1) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF
6 GOODS.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—The requirement to im-
8 pose sanctions under this section shall not in-
9 clude the authority or a requirement to impose
10 sanctions on the importation of goods.

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

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

22 (A) to permit the United States to comply
23 with the Agreement regarding the Head-
24 quarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake
25 Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force

1 November 21, 1947, between the United Na-
2 tions and the United States, or other applicable
3 international obligations; or

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

6 (3) EXCEPTION FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSIST-
7 ANCE.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Sanctions under this
9 section shall not apply to—

10 (i) the conduct or facilitation of a
11 transaction for the provision of agricultural
12 commodities, food, medicine, medical de-
13 vices, or humanitarian assistance, or for
14 humanitarian purposes; or

15 (ii) transactions that are necessary for
16 or related to the activities described in
17 clause (i).

18 (B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph—

19 (i) the term “agricultural commodity”
20 has the meaning given that term in section
21 102 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978
22 (7 U.S.C. 5602);

23 (ii) the term “medical device” has the
24 meaning given the term “device” in section

1 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
2 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 321); and

3 (iii) the term “medicine” has the
4 meaning given the term “drug” in section
5 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
6 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

7 (4) EXCEPTION FOR SAFETY OF VESSELS AND
8 CREW.—Sanctions under this section shall not apply
9 with respect to a person providing provisions to a
10 vessel otherwise subject to sanctions under this sec-
11 tion if such provisions are intended for the safety
12 and care of the crew aboard the vessel, the protec-
13 tion of human life aboard the vessel, or the mainte-
14 nance of the vessel to avoid any environmental or
15 other significant damage.

16 (d) WAIVER.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may, on a
18 case-by-case basis for a period of not more than 180
19 days, waive the application of sanctions imposed
20 with respect to a foreign person under this section
21 if the President—

22 (A) certifies to the appropriate congres-
23 sional committees that the waiver is vital to the
24 national interests of the United States; and

1 (B) submits with the certification required
2 under subparagraph (A) a detailed justification
3 explaining the reasons for the waiver.

4 (2) RENEWAL OF WAIVER.—The President
5 may, on a case-by-case basis, renew a waiver issued
6 under paragraph (1) for additional periods of not
7 more than 180 days if the President—

8 (A) determines that the renewal of the
9 waiver is vital to the national interests of the
10 United States; and

11 (B) not less than 15 days before the waiv-
12 er expires, submits to the appropriate congres-
13 sional committees a report on the renewal of
14 the waiver that includes—

15 (i) a justification for the renewal of
16 the waiver; and

17 (ii) a detailed plan to phase out the
18 need for any such waiver issued with re-
19 spect to such foreign person.

20 (e) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

21 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-
22 ercise all authorities provided under sections 203
23 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic
24 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out
25 subsection (b)(1).

1 (2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-
2 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
3 violation of subsection (b)(1) or any regulation, li-
4 cense, or order issued to carry out that subsection
5 shall be subject to the penalties set forth in sub-
6 sections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-
7 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
8 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that
9 commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a)
10 of that section.

11 (f) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

12 (1) Subsection (a)(3)(A) shall be construed to
13 be consistent with Frequently Asked Questions 398
14 through 402, published by the Office of Foreign As-
15 sets Control on August 11, 2020, and August 13,
16 2014, or any successors to such frequently asked
17 questions.

18 (2) For purposes of determinations under sub-
19 section (a) that a foreign person engaged in activi-
20 ties described in such subsection (a), a foreign per-
21 son shall not be determined to know that petroleum
22 or petroleum products originated from Iran if such
23 person relied on a certificate of origin or other docu-
24 mentation confirming that the origin of the petro-
25 leum or petroleum products was a country other

1 than Iran, unless such person knew or had reason
2 to know that such documentation was falsified.

3 (3) Nothing in this section may be construed to
4 affect the availability of any existing authorities to
5 issue waivers, exceptions, exemptions, licenses, or
6 other authorization.

7 **SEC. 5. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON IRANIAN SANC-**
8 **TIONS.**

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

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

17 (1) The Department of State.

18 (2) The Department of the Treasury.

19 (3) The Department of Justice. Such other
20 Federal departments or agencies as the Secretary of
21 State determines appropriate.

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

24 (d) MULTILATERAL CONTACT GROUP.—

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

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

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

11 (B) share information on newly-designated
12 entities;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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