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To amend the Burma Unified through Rigorous Military Accountability Act of 2022 to extend the sunset, to require a determination with respect to the imposition of sanctions on certain persons of Burma, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 2026

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. McCONNELL, and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Bringing Real Ac-
5 countability Via Enforcement in Burma Act” or the
6 “BRAVE Burma Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF SUNSET.**

2 Section 5574(a) of the Burma Unified through Rig-
3 orous Military Accountability Act of 2022 (subtitle E of
4 title LV of division E of the James M. Inhofe National
5 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023; 22
6 U.S.C. 10225) is amended by striking “8 years” and in-
7 serting “10 years”.

8 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATIONS TO REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

9 Section 5571(e) of the Burma Unified through Rig-
10 orous Military Accountability Act of 2022 (22 U.S.C.
11 10222(e)) is amended to read as follows:

12 “(e) ASSESSMENT AND REPORT ON SANCTIONS
13 WITH RESPECT TO BURMESE PERSONS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
15 after the date of the enactment of the Bringing Real
16 Accountability Via Enforcement in Burma Act, and
17 annually thereafter for 7 years, the President shall
18 determine whether the following persons meet the
19 criteria for sanctions described under subsection (a)
20 or under Executive Order 14014 (86 Fed. Reg.
21 9429; relating to blocking property with respect to
22 the situation in Burma):

23 “(A) Any Burmese state-owned enterprise
24 described in subsection (c)(2).

25 “(B) Myanma Economic Bank.

1 “(C) Any foreign person that the President
2 determines operates in the jet fuel sector of the
3 Burmese economy, including through activities
4 such as the provision of financial services or the
5 importation, exportation, reexportation, sale,
6 supply, trade, storage, or transport, directly or
7 indirectly, of jet fuel in Burma.

8 “(2) REPORT REQUIRED.—Upon making the
9 determination required by paragraph (1), the Presi-
10 dent shall submit to the appropriate congressional
11 committees a report on the assessment.

12 “(3) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required
13 by paragraph (2) shall be submitted in unclassified
14 form but may include a classified annex.”.

15 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION OF SHAREHOLDING BENEFITTING THE**
16 **STATE SECURITY AND PEACE COMMISSION.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury
18 shall instruct the United States Executive Director at the
19 International Monetary Fund to use the voice and vote
20 of the United States, when assessing potential changes to
21 any shareholding formula in connection with a governance
22 review of the Fund, to limit, as appropriate, an increase
23 to the shareholding of Burma if the country is subject to
24 the rule of the State Security and Peace Commission or
25 any successor governing authority.

1 (b) WAIVER.—The President of the United States
2 may waive the application of subsection (a) upon certifying
3 to the Committee on Financial Services of the House of
4 Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations
5 of the Senate that the waiver is important to the national
6 interest of the United States, with a detailed explanation
7 of the reasons therefor.

8 **SEC. 5. UNITED STATES SPECIAL ENVOY FOR BURMA.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall ap-
10 point a Special Envoy for Burma, who shall—

11 (1) have the rank and status of ambassador;

12 and

13 (2) be responsible for coordinating all aspects of
14 United States policy with respect to Burma.

15 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Secretary—

16 (1) shall appoint the Special Envoy from among
17 recognized experts in matters relating to Burma;

18 and

19 (2) may appoint a Foreign Service Officer as
20 the Special Envoy.

21 (c) CENTRAL OBJECTIVE.—The Special Envoy
22 should develop a comprehensive strategy for the implemen-
23 tation of the full range of United States diplomatic capa-
24 bilities to promote the restoration of peace and a civilian-
25 led democratic government in Burma.

1 (d) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Special
2 Envoy shall also—

3 (1) coordinate the sanctions policies of the
4 United States under the Burma Unified through
5 Rigorous Military Accountability Act of 2022 (22
6 U.S.C. 10201 et seq.) and other relevant statutory
7 authorities across relevant Federal departments and
8 agencies;

9 (2) develop and implement a comprehensive
10 international effort to impose and enforce multilat-
11 eral sanctions with respect to Burma;

12 (3) lead interagency United States Government
13 efforts, including efforts of the Chief of Mission in
14 Burma, the Ambassador to ASEAN, the Ambas-
15 sador to Bangladesh, the Ambassador to India, and
16 the United States Permanent Representative to the
17 United Nations, relating to—

18 (A) identifying opportunities to coordinate
19 with and exert pressure on the governments of
20 the People’s Republic of China and the Russian
21 Federation to cease or curtail support for the
22 Burmese military;

23 (B) working with like-minded partners to
24 impose a coordinated arms embargo on the
25 Burmese military and targeted sanctions on the

1 economic interests of the Burmese military, in-
2 cluding through the introduction and adoption
3 of a United Nations Security Council resolu-
4 tion;

5 (C) engaging Burmese civil society, democ-
6 racy advocates, ethnic nationality representative
7 groups, and organizations or groups rep-
8 resenting the resistance and revolutionary
9 movement, as well as officials elected in 2020
10 such as the Committee Representing the
11 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the National Unity Gov-
12 ernment, the National Unity Consultative
13 Council, the Ethnic Resistance Revolutionary
14 Organizations, and their designated representa-
15 tives;

16 (D) encouraging the United Nations Inde-
17 pendent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar
18 to incorporate accountability mechanisms in re-
19 lation to the atrocities against Rohingya and
20 other ethnic groups, to take further steps to
21 make its leadership and membership ethnically
22 diverse, and to incorporate measures to enhance
23 ethnic reconciliation and national unity into its
24 policy agenda;

1 (E) assisting efforts by the relevant United
2 Nations Special Procedures to secure the re-
3 lease of all political prisoners in Burma, pro-
4 mote respect for human rights, seek account-
5 ability, and encourage dialogue;

6 (F) working with the governments of
7 India, Bangladesh, and other countries as ap-
8 propriate to address challenges in Western
9 Burma, including issues related to atrocity
10 crimes, refugees and displaced persons, cross-
11 border humanitarian assistance and trade, traf-
12 ficking in persons, illicit trafficking of narcotics
13 and weapons, or other transnational threats to
14 regional peace and security; and

15 (G) supporting nongovernmental organiza-
16 tions operating in Burma and neighboring
17 countries working to restore civilian democratic
18 rule to Burma, address the urgent humani-
19 tarian needs of the people of Burma, and build
20 resilience against malign foreign influence in
21 support of the military regime;

22 (4) support protection, humanitarian assistance,
23 and accountability efforts for ethnic minorities in
24 Burma and the surrounding region;

1 (5) coordinate all streams of United States as-
2 sistance to the people of Burma until such time as
3 the United States normalizes diplomatic relations
4 with Burma;

5 (6) provide timely input for reporting on the
6 impacts of the implementation of the Burma Unified
7 through Rigorous Military Accountability Act of
8 2022 on the Burmese military and the people of
9 Burma; and

10 (7) report to and coordinate with Congress.

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