

Suspend the Rules And Pass the Bill, H.R. 1422, with Amendments

(The amendments strike all after the enacting clause and insert a new text and a new title)

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H. R. 1422

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Enhanced Iran Sanc-
3 tions Act of 2025”.

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

5 It is the policy of the United States—

6 (1) to fully enforce sanctions against the Is-
7 lamic Republic of Iran, including with respect to
8 Iran’s petroleum and petrochemical sectors;

9 (2) through such sanctions, to deny Iran finan-
10 cial resources—

11 (A) to advance its nuclear weapons capa-
12 bilities;

13 (B) to finance the development of weapons
14 of mass destruction;

15 (C) to support missile and drone prolifera-
16 tion;

17 (D) to fund and facilitate international ter-
18 rorism;

19 (E) to engage in destabilizing efforts
20 abroad, including the targeting of United States
21 citizens; and

22 (F) to repress the rights of Iranian citi-
23 zens; and

24 (3) to strengthen coherence among members of
25 the international community with respect to enforce-
26 ing sanctions against malign activities of Iran.

1 **SEC. 3. EXPANDING THE REWARDS FOR JUSTICE PROGRAM**
2 **TO COVER PERSONS VIOLATING OR EVADING**
3 **UNITED STATES SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN.**

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

6 (1) in paragraph (14), by striking “; or” and
7 inserting a semicolon;

8 (2) in paragraph (15), by striking the period at
9 the end and inserting “; or”; and

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

12 “(16) the identification of each person de-
13 scribed in section 4(a) of the Enhanced Iran Sanc-
14 tions Act of 2025 or section 3 of the Stop Harboring
15 Petroleum Act (22 U.S.C. 8572) that has attempted
16 or is attempting to evade sanctions imposed under
17 either such Act with proceeds generated by trans-
18 actions related to oil, condensates, or other petro-
19 leum or petrochemical products from the Islamic Re-
20 public of Iran.”.

1 **SEC. 4. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO PER-**
2 **SONS ENGAGED IN TRANSACTIONS RELATED**
3 **OR INCIDENTAL TO OIL, CONDENSATES, PE-**
4 **TROLEUM OR PETROCHEMICAL PRODUCTS**
5 **FROM IRAN.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date of the en-
7 actment of this Act, the President may impose the sanc-
8 tions described in subsection (b) with respect to any for-
9 eign person that the President determines—

10 (1) has knowingly engaged in any significant
11 transaction related or incidental to the processing,
12 refining, export, transfer or sale of oil, condensates,
13 or other petroleum or petrochemical product in
14 whole or in part from Iran;

15 (2) is a subsidiary of a foreign person described
16 in paragraph (1);

17 (3) is a corporate officer, principal executive of-
18 ficer, or other person performing similar functions of
19 either such officer, of a foreign person described in
20 paragraph (1);

21 (4) is an immediate family member of a foreign
22 person described in paragraph (1) who demonstrably
23 benefits from any activity described in paragraph
24 (1); or

25 (5) directly or indirectly conducts a significant
26 transaction with, for, or on behalf of a foreign per-

1 son described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section
2 3(b) of the Stop Harboring Iranian Petroleum Act
3 (22 U.S.C. 8572).

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

6 (1) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—The President
7 shall, pursuant to the International Emergency Eco-
8 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), block
9 and prohibit all transactions in property and inter-
10 ests in property of a foreign person subject to sanc-
11 tions pursuant to subsection (a) if such property and
12 interests in property are in the United States, come
13 within the United States, or are or come within the
14 possession or control of a United States person.

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

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

- 20 (i) inadmissible to the United States;
21 (ii) ineligible to receive a visa or other
22 documentation to enter the United States;
23 and
24 (iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted
25 or paroled into the United States or to re-

1 ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-
2 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et
3 seq.).

4 (B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

5 (i) IN GENERAL.—The visa or other
6 entry documentation of an alien described
7 in subparagraph (A) shall be revoked, re-
8 gardless of when such visa or other entry
9 documentation was issued.

10 (ii) IMMEDIATE EFFECT.—A revoca-
11 tion under clause (i) shall—

12 (I) take effect in accordance with
13 section 221(i) of the Immigration and
14 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i));
15 and

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

19 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—

20 (1) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-
21 NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.—Sanctions under sub-
22 section (a) shall not apply with respect to an alien
23 if admitting or paroling the alien into the United
24 States is necessary to permit the United States to
25 comply with the Agreement regarding the Head-

1 quarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Suc-
2 cess June 26, 1947, and entered into force Novem-
3 ber 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the
4 United States, or other applicable international obli-
5 gations.

6 (2) EXCEPTION FOR AUTHORIZED INTEL-
7 LIGENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.—
8 Sanctions under subsection (a) shall not apply with
9 respect to activities subject to the reporting require-
10 ments under title V of the National Security Act of
11 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.) or any authorized in-
12 telligence, law enforcement, or national security ac-
13 tivities of the United States.

14 (3) EXCEPTION FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSIST-
15 ANCE FOR THE PEOPLE OF IRAN.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Sanctions under sub-
17 section (a) shall not apply to—

18 (i) the conduct or facilitation of a
19 transaction for the provision of agricultural
20 commodities, food, medicine, medical de-
21 vices, or humanitarian assistance, or for
22 humanitarian purposes to or for the people
23 of Iran; or

1 (ii) transactions that are necessary for
2 or related to the activities described in
3 clause (i).

4 (B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph—

5 (i) the term “agricultural commodity”
6 has the meaning given that term in section
7 102 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978
8 (7 U.S.C. 5602);

9 (ii) the term “medical device” has the
10 meaning given the term “device” in section
11 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
12 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 321); and

13 (iii) the term “medicine” has the
14 meaning given the term “drug” in section
15 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
16 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

17 (4) EXCEPTION FOR SAFETY OF VESSELS AND
18 CREW.—Sanctions under subsection (a) shall not
19 apply with respect to a person providing provisions
20 to a vessel otherwise subject to sanctions under this
21 section if such provisions are intended for the safety
22 and care of the crew aboard the vessel, the protec-
23 tion of human life aboard the vessel, or the mainte-
24 nance of the vessel to avoid any environmental or
25 other significant damage.

1 (d) WAIVER.—

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

7 (A) certifies to the appropriate congress-
8 sional committees that the waiver is in the na-
9 tional interests of the United States; and

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

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

17 (A) determines that the renewal of the
18 waiver is vital to the national interests of the
19 United States; and

20 (B) submits to the appropriate congress-
21 sional committees a report on the renewal of
22 the waiver that includes—

23 (i) a justification for the renewal of
24 the waiver;

1 (ii) a detailed plan to phase out the
2 need for any such waiver issued with re-
3 spect to such foreign person; and

4 (iii) for reoccurring waivers, steps
5 taken to implement or otherwise further
6 the plan described in clause (ii).

7 (e) IMPLEMENTATION; REGULATIONS; PENALTIES.—

8 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-
9 ercise all authorities provided under sections 203
10 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic
11 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out
12 subsection (a).

13 (2) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 60 days
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
15 President shall issue regulations or other guidance
16 as may be necessary for the implementation of this
17 section.

18 (3) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in
19 subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-
20 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
21 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to any person who violates,
22 attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
23 violation of any prohibition of this section, or an
24 order or regulation prescribed under this section, to
25 the same extent that such penalties apply to a per-

1 son that commits an unlawful act described in sec-
2 tion 206(a) of such Act (50 U.S.C. 1705(a)).

3 (f) TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS.—Consistent with
4 the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–172; 50
5 U.S.C. 1701 note), the requirement to impose sanctions
6 under subsection (a) shall cease to be effective beginning
7 on the date that is 30 days after the date on which the
8 President certifies to the appropriate congressional com-
9 mittees that—

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

13 (A) section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Export
14 Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.
15 4318(c)(1)(A));

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

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

20 (D) any other related provision of law; and

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

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

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The authorities and require-
4 ments to impose sanctions under this section shall
5 not include the authority or a requirement to impose
6 sanctions on the importation of goods.

7 (2) GOOD DEFINED.—In this subsection, the
8 term “good” means any article, natural or manmade
9 substance, material, supply, or manufactured prod-
10 uct, including inspection and test equipment, and ex-
11 cluding technical data.

12 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act:

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

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

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

1 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
2 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-
3 mittee on Financial Services of the House of
4 Representatives.

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

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

14 (5) PROPERTY; INTEREST IN PROPERTY.—The
15 terms “property” and “interest in property” have
16 the meanings given the terms “property” and “prop-
17 erty interest”, respectively, in section 560.325 of
18 title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on
19 the day before the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 (6) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
21 “United States person” means any United States
22 citizen, permanent resident alien, entity organized
23 under the laws of the United States or any jurisdic-
24 tion within the United States (including foreign
25 branches), or any person in the United States.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in significant transactions related or incidental to the processing, refining, export, transfer or sale of oil, condensates, or other petroleum or petrochemical products in whole or in part from the Islamic Republic of Iran.”.