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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. McCAUL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 Iranian Drones
5 Act".

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) A July 15, 2013, United Nations General
4 Assembly Report on the continuing operation of the
5 United Nations Register of Conventional Arms and
6 its further development (document A/68/140) states
7 in paragraph 45, “The Group noted the discussion
8 of the 2006 Group that category IV already covered
9 armed unmanned aerial vehicles and of the 2009
10 Group on a proposal to include a new category for
11 such vehicles. The Group reviewed proposals for pro-
12 viding greater clarity to category IV.”.

13 (2) Section 107 of the Countering America’s
14 Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (22 U.S.C.
15 9406), enacted August 2, 2017, requires the Presi-
16 dent to impose sanctions on any person that the
17 President determines “knowingly engages in any ac-
18 tivity that materially contributes to the supply, sale,
19 or transfer directly or indirectly to or from Iran, or
20 for the use in or benefit of Iran, of any battle tanks,
21 armored combat vehicles, large caliber artillery sys-
22 tems, combat aircraft, attack helicopters, warships,
23 missiles or missile systems, as defined for the pur-
24 pose of the United Nations Register of Conventional
25 Arms, or related materiel, including spare parts”.

1 (3) In 2019, the United Nations formally
2 changed the heading of category IV of the United
3 Nations Register of Conventional Arms to “combat
4 aircraft and unmanned combat aerial vehicles”.

5 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

6 It shall be the policy of the United States to prevent
7 Iran and Iranian-aligned terrorist and militia groups from
8 acquiring unmanned aerial vehicles, including commer-
9 cially available component parts, that can be used in at-
10 tacks against United States persons and partner nations.

11 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENT TO COUNTERING AMERICA’S ADVER-**
12 **SARIES THROUGH SANCTIONS ACT RELATING**
13 **TO SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO IRAN.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 107 of the Countering
15 America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (22 U.S.C.
16 9406) is amended—

17 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**EN-**
18 **FORCEMENT OF ARMS EMBARGOS**” and insert-
19 ing “**SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO MAJOR**
20 **CONVENTIONAL ARMS**”; and

21 (2) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “or un-
22 manned combat aerial vehicles” after “combat air-
23 craft”.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
25 for the Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanc-

1 tions Act is amended by striking the item relating to sec-
2 tion 107 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 107. Sanctions with respect to major conventional arms.”.

3 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
4 this section take effect on the date of the enactment of
5 this Act and apply with respect to any person that know-
6 ingly engages in any activity that materially contributes
7 to the supply, sale, or transfer directly or indirectly to or
8 from Iran, or for the use in or benefit of Iran, of any
9 unmanned combat aerial vehicles, as defined for the pur-
10 pose of the United Nations Register of Conventional
11 Arms, before, on, or after such date of enactment.