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# H. R. 7649

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCORMICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## 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 “Humanitarian Theft  
5       Enforcement Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. HUMANITARIAN THEFT ENFORCEMENT.**

7       (a) **LIABILITY.**—Notwithstanding any other provision  
8       of law or regulation, any foreign person or entity the Sec-

1   retary of State determines is responsible for the unauthor-  
2   ized diversion or destruction of United States humani-  
3   tarian assistance, including humanitarian assistance fund-  
4   ed by the United States that is provided by an inter-  
5   national organization, is liable to the United States for  
6   the value of the assistance the Secretary determines was  
7   so diverted or destroyed.

8       (b) RECOVERY.—Upon determining that a foreign  
9   person or entity is responsible for the unauthorized diver-  
10   sion or destruction of assistance in the manner described  
11   in subsection (a), the Secretary of State should take ap-  
12   propriate steps to recover the value of such assistance  
13   from the foreign person or entity.

14       (c) CREDITING OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any  
15   other provision of law, any funds received by the Secretary  
16   of State pursuant to a determination under this section  
17   may be credited to an appropriate account of the Depart-  
18   ment of State and shall remain available until expended.  
19   The Secretary of State may transfer such funds to an ap-  
20   propriate account of another Federal department or agen-  
21   cy if the diverted or destroyed assistance was funded by  
22   such agency.

23       (d) WAIVER.—The Secretary of State may waive any  
24   liability incurred pursuant to subsection (a) if the Sec-

1 retary determines that such a waiver is in the national  
2 interest.

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