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To provide for congressional review of actions to terminate or waive sanctions imposed with respect to Iran.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HAGERTY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Iran Sanctions Relief
5 Review Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF CERTAIN ACTIONS RE-**
7 **LATING TO SANCTIONS IMPOSED WITH RE-**
8 **SPECT TO IRAN.**

9 (a) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS OF PROPOSED AC-
10 TION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
2 provision of law, before taking any action described
3 in paragraph (2), the President shall submit to the
4 appropriate congressional committees and leadership
5 a report that describes the proposed action and the
6 reasons for that action.

7 (2) ACTIONS DESCRIBED.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—An action described in
9 this paragraph is—

10 (i) an action to terminate the applica-
11 tion of any sanctions described in subpara-
12 graph (B);

13 (ii) with respect to sanctions described
14 in subparagraph (B) imposed by the Presi-
15 dent with respect to a person, an action to
16 waive the application of those sanctions
17 with respect to that person; or

18 (iii) a licensing action that signifi-
19 cantly alters United States foreign policy
20 with respect to Iran.

21 (B) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanc-
22 tions described in this subparagraph are sanc-
23 tions with respect to Iran provided for under—

1 (i) the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996
2 (Public Law 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701
3 note);

4 (ii) the Comprehensive Iran Sanc-
5 tions, Accountability, and Divestment Act
6 of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8501 et seq.);

7 (iii) section 1245 of the National De-
8 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
9 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8513a);

10 (iv) the Iran Threat Reduction and
11 Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22
12 U.S.C. 8701 et seq.);

13 (v) the Iran Freedom and Counter-
14 Proliferation Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8801
15 et seq.);

16 (vi) the International Emergency Eco-
17 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 note);
18 or

19 (vii) any other statute or Executive
20 order that requires or authorizes the im-
21 position of sanctions with respect to Iran.

22 (3) DESCRIPTION OF TYPE OF ACTION.—Each
23 report submitted under paragraph (1) with respect
24 to an action described in paragraph (2) shall include
25 a description of whether the action—

1 (A) is not intended to significantly alter
2 United States foreign policy with respect to
3 Iran; or

4 (B) is intended to significantly alter
5 United States foreign policy with respect to
6 Iran.

7 (4) INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL MATTER.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Each report submitted
9 under paragraph (1) that relates to an action
10 that is intended to significantly alter United
11 States foreign policy with respect to Iran shall
12 include a description of—

13 (i) the significant alteration to United
14 States foreign policy with respect to Iran;

15 (ii) the anticipated effect of the action
16 on the national security interests of the
17 United States; and

18 (iii) the policy objectives for which the
19 sanctions affected by the action were ini-
20 tially imposed.

21 (B) REQUESTS FROM BANKING AND FI-
22 NANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEES.—The Com-
23 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
24 of the Senate or the Committee on Financial
25 Services of the House of Representatives may

1 request the submission to the Committee of the
2 matter described in clauses (ii) and (iii) of sub-
3 paragraph (A) with respect to a report sub-
4 mitted under paragraph (1) that relates to an
5 action that is not intended to significantly alter
6 United States foreign policy with respect to
7 Iran.

8 (5) CONFIDENTIALITY OF PROPRIETARY INFOR-
9 MATION.—Proprietary information that can be asso-
10 ciated with a particular person with respect to an
11 action described in paragraph (2) may be included
12 in a report submitted under paragraph (1) only if
13 the appropriate congressional committees and lead-
14 ership provide assurances of confidentiality, unless
15 that person otherwise consents in writing to such
16 disclosure.

17 (6) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Paragraph
18 (2)(A)(iii) shall not be construed to require the sub-
19 mission of a report under paragraph (1) with respect
20 to the routine issuance of a license that does not sig-
21 nificantly alter United States foreign policy with re-
22 spect to Iran.

23 (b) PERIOD FOR REVIEW BY CONGRESS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the period of 30 cal-
25 endar days beginning on the date on which the

1 President submits a report under subsection
2 (a)(1)—

3 (A) in the case of a report that relates to
4 an action that is not intended to significantly
5 alter United States foreign policy with respect
6 to Iran, the Committee on Banking, Housing,
7 and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Com-
8 mittee on Financial Services of the House of
9 Representatives should, as appropriate, hold
10 hearings and briefings and otherwise obtain in-
11 formation in order to fully review the report;
12 and

13 (B) in the case of a report that relates to
14 an action that is intended to significantly alter
15 United States foreign policy with respect to
16 Iran, the Committee on Foreign Relations of
17 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Af-
18 fairs of the House of Representatives should, as
19 appropriate, hold hearings and briefings and
20 otherwise obtain information in order to fully
21 review the report.

22 (2) EXCEPTION.—The period for congressional
23 review under paragraph (1) of a report required to
24 be submitted under subsection (a)(1) shall be 60 cal-
25 endar days if the report is submitted on or after

1 July 10 and on or before September 7 in any cal-
2 endar year.

3 (3) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING INITIAL
4 CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PERIOD.—Notwithstanding
5 any other provision of law, during the period for
6 congressional review provided for under paragraph
7 (1) of a report submitted under subsection (a)(1)
8 proposing an action described in subsection (a)(2),
9 including any additional period for such review as
10 applicable under the exception provided in paragraph
11 (2), the President may not take that action unless
12 a joint resolution of approval with respect to that ac-
13 tion is enacted in accordance with subsection (c).

14 (4) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING PRESI-
15 DENTIAL CONSIDERATION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION
16 OF DISAPPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
17 vision of law, if a joint resolution of disapproval re-
18 lating to a report submitted under subsection (a)(1)
19 proposing an action described in subsection (a)(2)
20 passes both Houses of Congress in accordance with
21 subsection (c), the President may not take that ac-
22 tion for a period of 12 calendar days after the date
23 of passage of the joint resolution of disapproval.

24 (5) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING CONGRES-
25 SIONAL RECONSIDERATION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 OF DISAPPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
2 vision of law, if a joint resolution of disapproval re-
3 lating to a report submitted under subsection (a)(1)
4 proposing an action described in subsection (a)(2)
5 passes both Houses of Congress in accordance with
6 subsection (c), and the President vetoes the joint
7 resolution, the President may not take that action
8 for a period of 10 calendar days after the date of
9 the President’s veto.

10 (6) EFFECT OF ENACTMENT OF A JOINT RESO-
11 LUTION OF DISAPPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any
12 other provision of law, if a joint resolution of dis-
13 approval relating to a report submitted under sub-
14 section (a)(1) proposing an action described in sub-
15 section (a)(2) is enacted in accordance with sub-
16 section (c), the President may not take that action.

17 (c) JOINT RESOLUTIONS OF DISAPPROVAL OR AP-
18 PROVAL.—

19 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

20 (A) JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.—
21 The term “joint resolution of approval” means
22 only a joint resolution of either House of Con-
23 gress—

24 (i) the title of which is as follows: “A
25 joint resolution approving the President’s

1 proposal to take an action relating to the
2 application of certain sanctions with re-
3 spect to Iran.”; and

4 (ii) the sole matter after the resolving
5 clause of which is the following: “Congress
6 approves of the action relating to the appli-
7 cation of sanctions imposed with respect to
8 Iran proposed by the President in the re-
9 port submitted to Congress under section
10 2(a)(1) of the Iran Sanctions Relief Review
11 Act on _____ relating to
12 _____.”, with the first blank
13 space being filled with the appropriate date
14 and the second blank space being filled
15 with a short description of the proposed
16 action.

17 (B) JOINT RESOLUTION OF DIS-
18 APPROVAL.—The term “joint resolution of dis-
19 approval” means only a joint resolution of ei-
20 ther House of Congress—

21 (i) the title of which is as follows: “A
22 joint resolution disapproving the Presi-
23 dent’s proposal to take an action relating
24 to the application of certain sanctions with
25 respect to Iran.”; and

1 (ii) the sole matter after the resolving
2 clause of which is the following: “Congress
3 disapproves of the action relating to the
4 application of sanctions imposed with re-
5 spect to Iran proposed by the President in
6 the report submitted to Congress under
7 section 2(a)(1) of the Iran Sanctions Relief
8 Review Act on _____ relating to
9 _____.”, with the first blank
10 space being filled with the appropriate date
11 and the second blank space being filled
12 with a short description of the proposed
13 action.

14 (2) INTRODUCTION.—During the period of 30
15 calendar days provided for under subsection (b)(1),
16 including any additional period as applicable under
17 the exception provided in subsection (b)(2), a joint
18 resolution of approval or joint resolution of dis-
19 approval may be introduced—

20 (A) in the House of Representatives, by
21 the majority leader or the minority leader; and

22 (B) in the Senate, by the majority leader
23 (or the majority leader’s designee) or the mi-
24 nority leader (or the minority leader’s des-
25 ignee).

1 (3) FLOOR CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE OF REP-
2 REPRESENTATIVES.—If a committee of the House of
3 Representatives to which a joint resolution of ap-
4 proval or joint resolution of disapproval has been re-
5 ferred has not reported the joint resolution within
6 10 calendar days after the date of referral, that
7 committee shall be discharged from further consider-
8 ation of the joint resolution.

9 (4) CONSIDERATION IN THE SENATE.—

10 (A) COMMITTEE REFERRAL.—A joint reso-
11 lution of approval or joint resolution of dis-
12 approval introduced in the Senate shall be—

13 (i) referred to the Committee on
14 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs if
15 the joint resolution relates to a report
16 under subsection (a)(3)(A) that relates to
17 an action that is not intended to signifi-
18 cantly alter United States foreign policy
19 with respect to Iran; and

20 (ii) referred to the Committee on For-
21 eign Relations if the joint resolution relates
22 to a report under subsection (a)(3)(B) that
23 relates to an action that is intended to sig-
24 nificantly alter United States foreign policy
25 with respect to Iran.

1 (B) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—If the
2 committee to which a joint resolution of ap-
3 proval or joint resolution of disapproval was re-
4 ferred has not reported the joint resolution
5 within 10 calendar days after the date of refer-
6 ral of the joint resolution, that committee shall
7 be discharged from further consideration of the
8 joint resolution and the joint resolution shall be
9 placed on the appropriate calendar.

10 (C) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—
11 Notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing
12 Rules of the Senate, it is in order at any time
13 after the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
14 Urban Affairs or the Committee on Foreign Re-
15 lations, as the case may be, reports a joint reso-
16 lution of approval or joint resolution of dis-
17 approval to the Senate or has been discharged
18 from consideration of such a joint resolution
19 (even though a previous motion to the same ef-
20 fect has been disagreed to) to move to proceed
21 to the consideration of the joint resolution, and
22 all points of order against the joint resolution
23 (and against consideration of the joint resolu-
24 tion) are waived. The motion to proceed is not
25 debatable. The motion is not subject to a mo-

1 tion to postpone. A motion to reconsider the
2 vote by which the motion is agreed to or dis-
3 agreed to shall not be in order.

4 (D) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCE-
5 DURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair
6 relating to the application of the rules of the
7 Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure re-
8 lating to a joint resolution of approval or joint
9 resolution of disapproval shall be decided with-
10 out debate.

11 (E) CONSIDERATION OF VETO MES-
12 SAGES.—Debate in the Senate of any veto mes-
13 sage with respect to a joint resolution of ap-
14 proval or joint resolution of disapproval, includ-
15 ing all debatable motions and appeals in con-
16 nection with the joint resolution, shall be lim-
17 ited to 10 hours, to be equally divided between,
18 and controlled by, the majority leader and the
19 minority leader or their designees.

20 (5) RULES RELATING TO SENATE AND HOUSE
21 OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

22 (A) TREATMENT OF SENATE JOINT RESO-
23 LUTION IN HOUSE.—In the House of Rep-
24 resentatives, the following procedures shall
25 apply to a joint resolution of approval or a joint

1 resolution of disapproval received from the Sen-
2 ate (unless the House has already passed a
3 joint resolution relating to the same proposed
4 action):

5 (i) The joint resolution shall be re-
6 ferred to the appropriate committees.

7 (ii) If a committee to which a joint
8 resolution has been referred has not re-
9 ported the joint resolution within 2 cal-
10 endar days after the date of referral, that
11 committee shall be discharged from further
12 consideration of the joint resolution.

13 (iii) Beginning on the third legislative
14 day after each committee to which a joint
15 resolution has been referred reports the
16 joint resolution to the House or has been
17 discharged from further consideration
18 thereof, it shall be in order to move to pro-
19 ceed to consider the joint resolution in the
20 House. All points of order against the mo-
21 tion are waived. Such a motion shall not be
22 in order after the House has disposed of a
23 motion to proceed on the joint resolution.
24 The previous question shall be considered
25 as ordered on the motion to its adoption

1 without intervening motion. The motion
2 shall not be debatable. A motion to recon-
3 sider the vote by which the motion is dis-
4 posed of shall not be in order.

5 (iv) The joint resolution shall be con-
6 sidered as read. All points of order against
7 the joint resolution and against its consid-
8 eration are waived. The previous question
9 shall be considered as ordered on the joint
10 resolution to final passage without inter-
11 vening motion except 2 hours of debate
12 equally divided and controlled by the spon-
13 sor of the joint resolution (or a designee)
14 and an opponent. A motion to reconsider
15 the vote on passage of the joint resolution
16 shall not be in order.

17 (B) TREATMENT OF HOUSE JOINT RESO-
18 LUTION IN SENATE.—

19 (i) RECEIPT BEFORE PASSAGE.—If,
20 before the passage by the Senate of a joint
21 resolution of approval or joint resolution of
22 disapproval, the Senate receives an iden-
23 tical joint resolution from the House of
24 Representatives, the following procedures
25 shall apply:

1 (I) That joint resolution shall not
2 be referred to a committee.

3 (II) With respect to that joint
4 resolution—

5 (aa) the procedure in the
6 Senate shall be the same as if no
7 joint resolution had been received
8 from the House of Representa-
9 tives; but

10 (bb) the vote on passage
11 shall be on the joint resolution
12 from the House of Representa-
13 tives.

14 (ii) RECEIPT AFTER PASSAGE.—If,
15 following passage of a joint resolution of
16 approval or joint resolution of disapproval
17 in the Senate, the Senate receives an iden-
18 tical joint resolution from the House of
19 Representatives, that joint resolution shall
20 be placed on the appropriate Senate cal-
21 endar.

22 (iii) NO COMPANION MEASURE.—If a
23 joint resolution of approval or a joint reso-
24 lution of disapproval is received from the
25 House, and no companion joint resolution

1 has been introduced in the Senate, the
2 Senate procedures under this subsection
3 shall apply to the House joint resolution.

4 (C) APPLICATION TO REVENUE MEAS-
5 URES.—The provisions of this paragraph shall
6 not apply in the House of Representatives to a
7 joint resolution of approval or joint resolution
8 of disapproval that is a revenue measure.

9 (6) RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 AND SENATE.—This subsection is enacted by Con-
11 gress—

12 (A) as an exercise of the rulemaking power
13 of the Senate and the House of Representa-
14 tives, respectively, and as such is deemed a part
15 of the rules of each House, respectively, and su-
16 persedes other rules only to the extent that it
17 is inconsistent with such rules; and

18 (B) with full recognition of the constitu-
19 tional right of either House to change the rules
20 (so far as relating to the procedure of that
21 House) at any time, in the same manner, and
22 to the same extent as in the case of any other
23 rule of that House.

24 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
25 AND LEADERSHIP DEFINED.—In this section, the term

1 “appropriate congressional committees and leadership”

2 means—

3 (1) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and

4 Urban Affairs, the Committee on Foreign Relations,

5 and the majority and minority leaders of the Senate;

6 and

7 (2) the Committee on Financial Services, the

8 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Speaker, the

9 majority leader, and the minority leader of the

10 House of Representatives.