

## HR 4875

To amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify that persons may bring private rights of actions against foreign states for certain terrorist acts, and for other purposes.

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Law

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 4, 2004

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Law

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jul 20, 2004)

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Amends the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1976 (FSIA) to require that a foreign state designated as a state sponsor of terrorism under specified laws, or an official, employee, or agent of such a foreign state, shall be liable to a U.S. national for the national's personal injury or death caused by acts of that state or official, employee, or agent acting within the scope of his or her duties.

Authorizes U.S. courts to exercise jurisdiction over such actions for money damages under a FSIA provision concerning acts of torture, extrajudicial killing, aircraft sabotage, hostage taking, and material support for such acts. Mandates that property interests of foreign states, or agencies or instrumentalities of foreign states, against which judgment is entered pursuant to such provision are subject to attachment execution.

Requires foreign states to be held vicariously liable for the actions of their officials, employees, or agents.

Revives previously dismissed causes of action that would be cognizable under this Act by retroactively tolling the applicable statute of limitations from the date of initial filing to 60 days after enactment of this Act.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 4, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.
- **Jul 20, 2004:** Introduced in House
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- **Jul 20, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.