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Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jan 28, 2015
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Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jan 28, 2015
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Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jan 28, 2015
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 25, 2015
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 23, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	May 18, 2016
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 29, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 18, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2943	Related bill	Dec 23, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-328.
114 HR 624	Related bill	Mar 17, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.

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(Sec. 3) This bill authorizes the President to impose U.S. entry and property sanctions against any foreign person (or entity) who:

- is responsible for extrajudicial killings, torture, or other gross violations of internationally recognized human rights committed against individuals in any foreign country seeking to expose illegal activity carried out by government officials, or to obtain, exercise, or promote human rights and freedoms;
- acted as an agent of or on behalf of a foreign person in such activities;
- is a government official or senior associate of such official responsible for, or complicit in, ordering or otherwise directing acts of significant corruption, including the expropriation of private or public assets for personal gain, corruption related to government contracts or the extraction of natural resources, bribery, or the facilitation or transfer of the proceeds of corruption to foreign jurisdictions; or
- has materially assisted or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of, such activities.

The authority to block and prohibit transactions in property and property interests shall not include the authority to impose sanctions on the importation of goods (any article, natural or man made substance, material, supply or manufactured product, including inspection and test equipment, excluding technical data).

The President shall, after receiving a request from the chairperson and ranking member of one of the appropriate congressional committees with respect to whether a foreign person has engaged in a prohibited activity:

- determine if the person has engaged in such an activity; and
- report to the chairperson and ranking member whether or not the President imposed or intends to impose specified sanctions against the person.

Sanctions shall not apply to an individual as necessary for law enforcement purposes, or to comply with the Agreement between the United Nations (U.N.) and the United States regarding the U.N. Headquarters or other applicable international obligations of the United States.

The President may terminate sanctions under specified conditions.

The Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor may submit to the Department of State the names of foreign persons who may meet the sanctions criteria.

(Sec. 4) The President shall report to Congress annually regarding each foreign person sanctioned, the type of sanctions imposed, and the reason for their imposition.

Actions Timeline

- **May 18, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 18, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 18, 2016:** 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.
- **Dec 18, 2015:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 18, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 18, 2015:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 17, 2015:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S8835-8836; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S8835-8836)
- **Dec 17, 2015:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S8836)
- **Dec 17, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 17, 2015:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with an amendment. Without written report.
- **Jul 29, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 174.
- **Jan 28, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 28, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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