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Global Respect Act of 2017

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 7291	Related bill	Dec 13, 2018: 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.
115 HR 2491	Related bill	Jun 27, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations.
115 S 1172	Identical bill	May 18, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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This bill directs the President to submit to Congress, every 180 days, a list of each foreign person that the President determines is responsible for or complicit in, or who acted as an agent for a foreign person in a matter relating to, detention, torture, or other denials of the right to life, liberty, or security of a person based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Department of State shall issue public guidance relating to how names of foreign persons may be included on such list.

A foreign listed person: (1) may be removed from the list under specified conditions; (2) is ineligible to enter or be admitted to the United States, or (3) if in the United States, shall have his or her visa revoked and be removed.

The State Department and the Department of Homeland Security may waive such prohibition if such waiver is in U.S. national security interests or is necessary for compliance with the Agreement between the United Nations (U.N.) and the United States regarding the U.N. Headquarters. Congressional notification is required prior to any such waiver.

The Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor shall designate a senior officer or officers to track violence, criminalization, and restrictions on fundamental freedoms in foreign countries based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended to require the annual country reports on human rights practices to include information on sexual orientation or gender identity violence or restrictions.

Actions Timeline

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