

S 1862

Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Corker, Bob [R-TN]

Party: Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 26, 2017
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 26, 2017
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Sep 26, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Oct 5, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 5, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1848	Related bill	Sep 19, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 225.

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This bill modifies the criteria for evaluating whether countries are meeting the minimum standards for combatting human trafficking.

The President shall ensure that federal agencies limit grants and contracts to entities that do not engage in various activities related to human trafficking. Under the bill, one prohibited activity is charging employees for placement or recruitment fees. Previously, entities could charge such fees as long as they were reasonable.

The bill modifies requirements related to the Department of State's annual report to Congress on its anti-human trafficking efforts, which ranks countries on their compliance with the minimum standards laid out in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000. For each country that received a different rank from the previous year, the State Department shall explain the reason for the change, including any concrete actions that country took or failed to take to address human trafficking concerns.

The State Department shall prepare an action plan for each country upgraded to tier 2 on the report's watch list, and how such a country can further improve (tier 2 countries do not meet minimum standards for combatting human trafficking but are making significant efforts to do so).

When the State Department downgrades a country to tier 2, it shall give the country's foreign minister a copy of the report and information including the reasons for the change. The State Department shall also explain the implications of the tier 2 designation and of any further downgrades.

The Department of the Treasury shall instruct its U.S. Executive Directors in each multilateral development bank to initiate discussions to further promote anti-human trafficking policies, including development strategies that reduce the prevalence of trafficking.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 9, 2019:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 9, 2019:** Became Public Law No: 115-427.
- **Jan 2, 2019:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10548-10550)
- **Dec 21, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1862.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H10576)
- **Dec 21, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 370 - 0 (Roll no. 491). (text: CR H10548-10549)
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- **Dec 21, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 19, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 19, 2018:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 18, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 17, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7628-7631; text as reported in Senate: CR S7628-7629)
- **Dec 17, 2018:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 17, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text: CR S7630-7631)
- **Dec 17, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text: CR S7630-7631)
- **Oct 5, 2018:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Oct 5, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 623.
- **Sep 26, 2018:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.