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Foreign Extortion Prevention Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4737	Identical bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
117 HR 5209	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

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This bill establishes a federal criminal offense involving bribery by foreign officials.

Specifically, the bill makes it a crime for foreign officials to demand or accept anything of value personally or for another person or a nongovernmental entity to influence the performance of an official act or otherwise confer an improper advantage.

The bill explicitly grants extraterritorial jurisdiction over the offense.

A violation is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to 15 years, or both.

Finally, the bill establishes a Victims of Kleptocracy Fund in the Treasury and directs fines and penalties for violations to be deposited into the fund for anti-corruption initiatives.

Actions Timeline

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