

S 4548

Foreign Extortion Prevention Technical Corrections Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

Party: Democratic • State: RI • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Jun 13, 2024

Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2670	Related bill	Dec 22, 2023: Became Public Law No: 118-31.
118 HR 4696	Related bill	Jul 18, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
118 S 2347	Related bill	Jul 18, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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This act makes technical corrections and substantive changes to the Foreign Extortion Prevention Act (FEPA), which was enacted as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024.

As originally enacted, FEPA established a new federal criminal offense involving bribery by foreign officials. Also, FEPA explicitly granted extraterritorial jurisdiction over offenses and established criminal penalties for violations.

This act narrows the scope of individuals who are foreign officials subject to the federal criminal provisions. Specifically, it redefines *foreign official* so that it does not include an individual acting in an unofficial capacity on behalf of a foreign government or international organization.

Additionally, this act broadens the scope of conduct that is prohibited. As originally enacted, FEPA generally prohibited conduct to solicit or accept a bribe in return for influence in the performance of any official act. This act broadens the scope of the prohibited conduct to include the solicitation or acceptance of a bribe in return for influence in the performance of any act or decision.

Finally, this act specifies that extraterritorial jurisdiction applies if the foreign official soliciting or accepting the bribe is in the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2024:** Signed by President.
- **Jul 30, 2024:** Became Public Law No: 118-78.
- **Jul 25, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 22, 2024:** Mr. Issa moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 22, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4656-4658)
- **Jul 22, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 4548.
- **Jul 22, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4656-4657)
- **Jul 22, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4656-4657)
- **Jul 22, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 18, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 18, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Jun 17, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 13, 2024:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 13, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4096-4097; text: CR S4096-4097)
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