

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4545

To amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended to clarify the obligation of individuals who formerly served as agents of foreign principals to register retroactively as foreign agents under the Act with respect to activities carried out previously on behalf of such foreign principals, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER (for himself, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. ROY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. BANKS, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. MOULTON, and Ms. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended to clarify the obligation of individuals who formerly served as agents of foreign principals to register retroactively as foreign agents under the Act with respect to activities carried out previously on behalf of such foreign principals, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Retroactive Foreign  
5 Agents Registration Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFYING OBLIGATION TO REGISTER RETRO-**  
2 **ACTIVELY AS AGENTS OF FOREIGN PRIN-**  
3 **CIPALS.**

4 (a) OBLIGATION.—The third sentence of section 2(a)  
5 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as  
6 amended (22 U.S.C. 612(a)) is amended by striking “for  
7 the period” and inserting “covering the period”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to any individual  
10 who serves as the agent of a foreign principal under the  
11 Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, at  
12 any time before, on, or after the date of the enactment  
13 of this Act.

14 **SEC. 3. PERMITTING ORDER REQUIRING COMPLIANCE TO**  
15 **APPLY RETROACTIVELY.**

16 (a) RETROACTIVE COMPLIANCE.—Section 8(f) of the  
17 Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22  
18 U.S.C. 618(f)) is amended—

19 (1) by inserting after the first sentence the fol-  
20 lowing: “The Attorney General may make applica-  
21 tion for an order requiring a person to comply with  
22 any appropriate provision of this Act or any regula-  
23 tion thereunder while the person acts as an agent of  
24 a foreign principal or at any time thereafter.”; and

25 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-  
26 ing the following: “, including an order requiring a

1 person to comply with section 2 with respect to any  
2 period during which the person acts as the agent of  
3 a foreign principal notwithstanding that the person  
4 does not act as the agent of a foreign principal at  
5 the time the court issues the order.”.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
7 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to any individual  
8 who serves as the agent of a foreign principal under the  
9 Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, at  
10 any time before, on, or after the date of the enactment  
11 of this Act.

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