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# H. R. 4691

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## AN ACT

To provide for congressional review of actions to terminate  
or waive sanctions imposed with respect to Iran.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Iran Sanctions Relief  
3 Review Act of 2023”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF CERTAIN ACTIONS RE-**  
5 **LATING TO SANCTIONS IMPOSED WITH RE-**  
6 **SPECT TO IRAN.**

7 (a) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS OF PROPOSED AC-  
8 TION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
10 provision of law, before taking any action described  
11 in paragraph (2), the President shall submit to the  
12 appropriate congressional committees and leadership  
13 a report that describes the proposed action and the  
14 reasons for that action.

15 (2) ACTIONS DESCRIBED.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—An action described in  
17 this paragraph is—

18 (i) an action to terminate the applica-  
19 tion of any sanctions described in subpara-  
20 graph (B);

21 (ii) with respect to sanctions described  
22 in subparagraph (B) imposed by the Presi-  
23 dent with respect to a person, an action to  
24 waive the application of those sanctions  
25 with respect to that person; or

1 (iii) a licensing action that signifi-  
2 cantly alters United States foreign policy  
3 with respect to Iran.

4 (B) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanc-  
5 tions described in this subparagraph are sanc-  
6 tions with respect to Iran provided for under—

7 (i) the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996  
8 (Public Law 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701  
9 note);

10 (ii) the Comprehensive Iran Sanc-  
11 tions, Accountability, and Divestment Act  
12 of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8501 et seq.);

13 (iii) section 1245 of the National De-  
14 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
15 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8513a);

16 (iv) the Iran Threat Reduction and  
17 Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22  
18 U.S.C. 8701 et seq.);

19 (v) the Iran Freedom and Counter-  
20 Proliferation Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8801  
21 et seq.);

22 (vi) the International Emergency Eco-  
23 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 note);

24 or

1 (vii) any other statute or Executive  
2 order that requires or authorizes the im-  
3 position of sanctions with respect to Iran.

4 (3) DESCRIPTION OF TYPE OF ACTION.—Each  
5 report submitted under paragraph (1) with respect  
6 to an action described in paragraph (2) shall include  
7 a description of whether the action—

8 (A) is not intended to significantly alter  
9 United States foreign policy with respect to  
10 Iran; or

11 (B) is intended to significantly alter  
12 United States foreign policy with respect to  
13 Iran.

14 (4) INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL MATTER.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Each report submitted  
16 under paragraph (1) that relates to an action  
17 that is intended to significantly alter United  
18 States foreign policy with respect to Iran shall  
19 include a description of—

20 (i) the significant alteration to United  
21 States foreign policy with respect to Iran;

22 (ii) the anticipated effect of the action  
23 on the national security interests of the  
24 United States; and

1 (iii) the policy objectives for which the  
2 sanctions affected by the action were ini-  
3 tially imposed.

4 (B) REQUESTS FROM BANKING AND FI-  
5 NANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEES.—The Com-  
6 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
7 of the Senate or the Committee on Financial  
8 Services of the House of Representatives may  
9 request the submission to the Committee of the  
10 matter described in clauses (ii) and (iii) of sub-  
11 paragraph (A) with respect to a report sub-  
12 mitted under paragraph (1) that relates to an  
13 action that is not intended to significantly alter  
14 United States foreign policy with respect to  
15 Iran.

16 (5) CONFIDENTIALITY OF PROPRIETARY INFOR-  
17 MATION.—Proprietary information that can be asso-  
18 ciated with a particular person with respect to an  
19 action described in paragraph (2) may be included  
20 in a report submitted under paragraph (1) only if  
21 the appropriate congressional committees and lead-  
22 ership provide assurances of confidentiality, unless  
23 that person otherwise consents in writing to such  
24 disclosure.

1           (6) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Paragraph  
2           (2)(A)(iii) shall not be construed to require the sub-  
3           mission of a report under paragraph (1) with respect  
4           to the routine issuance of a license that does not sig-  
5           nificantly alter United States foreign policy with re-  
6           spect to Iran.

7           (b) PERIOD FOR REVIEW BY CONGRESS.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—During the period of 30 cal-  
9           endar days beginning on the date on which the  
10          President submits a report under subsection  
11          (a)(1)—

12                 (A) in the case of a report that relates to  
13                 an action that is not intended to significantly  
14                 alter United States foreign policy with respect  
15                 to Iran, the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
16                 and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Com-  
17                 mittee on Financial Services of the House of  
18                 Representatives should, as appropriate, hold  
19                 hearings and briefings and otherwise obtain in-  
20                 formation in order to fully review the report;  
21                 and

22                 (B) in the case of a report that relates to  
23                 an action that is intended to significantly alter  
24                 United States foreign policy with respect to  
25                 Iran, the Committee on Foreign Relations of

1           the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Af-  
2           fairs of the House of Representatives should, as  
3           appropriate, hold hearings and briefings and  
4           otherwise obtain information in order to fully  
5           review the report.

6           (2) EXCEPTION.—The period for congressional  
7           review under paragraph (1) of a report required to  
8           be submitted under subsection (a)(1) shall be 60 cal-  
9           endar days if the report is submitted on or after  
10          July 10 and on or before September 7 in any cal-  
11          endar year.

12          (3) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING INITIAL  
13          CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PERIOD.—Notwithstanding  
14          any other provision of law, during the period for  
15          congressional review provided for under paragraph  
16          (1) of a report submitted under subsection (a)(1)  
17          proposing an action described in subsection (a)(2),  
18          including any additional period for such review as  
19          applicable under the exception provided in paragraph  
20          (2), the President may not take that action unless  
21          a joint resolution of approval with respect to that ac-  
22          tion is enacted in accordance with subsection (c).

23          (4) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING PRESI-  
24          DENTIAL CONSIDERATION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION  
25          OF DISAPPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-

1 vision of law, if a joint resolution of disapproval re-  
2 lating to a report submitted under subsection (a)(1)  
3 proposing an action described in subsection (a)(2)  
4 passes both Houses of Congress in accordance with  
5 subsection (c), the President may not take that ac-  
6 tion for a period of 12 calendar days after the date  
7 of passage of the joint resolution of disapproval.

8 (5) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING CONGRES-  
9 SIONAL RECONSIDERATION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION  
10 OF DISAPPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
11 vision of law, if a joint resolution of disapproval re-  
12 lating to a report submitted under subsection (a)(1)  
13 proposing an action described in subsection (a)(2)  
14 passes both Houses of Congress in accordance with  
15 subsection (c), and the President vetoes the joint  
16 resolution, the President may not take that action  
17 for a period of 10 calendar days after the date of  
18 the President’s veto.

19 (6) EFFECT OF ENACTMENT OF A JOINT RESO-  
20 LUTION OF DISAPPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any  
21 other provision of law, if a joint resolution of dis-  
22 approval relating to a report submitted under sub-  
23 section (a)(1) proposing an action described in sub-  
24 section (a)(2) is enacted in accordance with sub-  
25 section (c), the President may not take that action.



1 (c) JOINT RESOLUTIONS OF DISAPPROVAL OR AP-  
2 PROVAL.—

3 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

4 (A) JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.—

5 The term “joint resolution of approval” means  
6 only a joint resolution of either House of Con-  
7 gress—

8 (i) the title of which is as follows: “A  
9 joint resolution approving the President’s  
10 proposal to take an action relating to the  
11 application of certain sanctions with re-  
12 spect to Iran.”; and

13 (ii) the sole matter after the resolving  
14 clause of which is the following: “Congress  
15 approves of the action relating to the appli-  
16 cation of sanctions imposed with respect to  
17 Iran proposed by the President in the re-  
18 port submitted to Congress under section  
19 2(a)(1) of the Iran Sanctions Relief Review  
20 Act of 2023 on \_\_\_\_\_ relating  
21 to \_\_\_\_\_.”, with the first  
22 blank space being filled with the appro-  
23 priate date and the second blank space  
24 being filled with a short description of the  
25 proposed action.

1 (B) JOINT RESOLUTION OF DIS-  
2 APPROVAL.—The term “joint resolution of dis-  
3 approval” means only a joint resolution of ei-  
4 ther House of Congress—

5 (i) the title of which is as follows: “A  
6 joint resolution disapproving the Presi-  
7 dent’s proposal to take an action relating  
8 to the application of certain sanctions with  
9 respect to Iran.”; and

10 (ii) the sole matter after the resolving  
11 clause of which is the following: “Congress  
12 disapproves of the action relating to the  
13 application of sanctions imposed with re-  
14 spect to Iran proposed by the President in  
15 the report submitted to Congress under  
16 section 2(a)(1) of the Iran Sanctions Relief  
17 Review Act of 2023 on \_\_\_\_\_  
18 relating to \_\_\_\_\_.”, with the  
19 first blank space being filled with the ap-  
20 propriate date and the second blank space  
21 being filled with a short description of the  
22 proposed action.

23 (2) INTRODUCTION.—During the period of 30  
24 calendar days provided for under subsection (b)(1),  
25 including any additional period as applicable under

1 the exception provided in subsection (b)(2), a joint  
2 resolution of approval or joint resolution of dis-  
3 approval may be introduced—

4 (A) in the House of Representatives, by  
5 the majority leader or the minority leader; and

6 (B) in the Senate, by the majority leader  
7 (or the majority leader's designee) or the mi-  
8 nority leader (or the minority leader's des-  
9 ignee).

10 (3) FLOOR CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE OF REP-  
11 REPRESENTATIVES.—If a committee of the House of  
12 Representatives to which a joint resolution of ap-  
13 proval or joint resolution of disapproval has been re-  
14 ferred has not reported the joint resolution within  
15 10 legislative days after the date of referral, that  
16 committee shall be discharged from further consider-  
17 ation of the joint resolution.

18 (4) CONSIDERATION IN THE SENATE.—

19 (A) COMMITTEE REFERRAL.—A joint reso-  
20 lution of approval or joint resolution of dis-  
21 approval introduced in the Senate shall be—

22 (i) referred to the Committee on  
23 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs if  
24 the joint resolution relates to a report  
25 under subsection (a)(3)(A) that relates to

1 an action that is not intended to signifi-  
2 cantly alter United States foreign policy  
3 with respect to Iran; and

4 (ii) referred to the Committee on For-  
5 eign Relations if the joint resolution relates  
6 to a report under subsection (a)(3)(B) that  
7 relates to an action that is intended to sig-  
8 nificantly alter United States foreign policy  
9 with respect to Iran.

10 (B) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—If the  
11 committee to which a joint resolution of ap-  
12 proval or joint resolution of disapproval was re-  
13 ferred has not reported the joint resolution  
14 within 10 calendar days after the date of refer-  
15 ral of the joint resolution, that committee shall  
16 be discharged from further consideration of the  
17 joint resolution and the joint resolution shall be  
18 placed on the appropriate calendar.

19 (C) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—  
20 Notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing  
21 Rules of the Senate, it is in order at any time  
22 after the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
23 Urban Affairs or the Committee on Foreign Re-  
24 lations, as the case may be, reports a joint reso-  
25 lution of approval or joint resolution of dis-

1 approval to the Senate or has been discharged  
2 from consideration of such a joint resolution  
3 (even though a previous motion to the same ef-  
4 fect has been disagreed to) to move to proceed  
5 to the consideration of the joint resolution, and  
6 all points of order against the joint resolution  
7 (and against consideration of the joint resolu-  
8 tion) are waived. The motion to proceed is not  
9 debatable. The motion is not subject to a mo-  
10 tion to postpone. A motion to reconsider the  
11 vote by which the motion is agreed to or dis-  
12 agreed to shall not be in order.

13 (D) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCE-  
14 DURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair  
15 relating to the application of the rules of the  
16 Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure re-  
17 lating to a joint resolution of approval or joint  
18 resolution of disapproval shall be decided with-  
19 out debate.

20 (E) CONSIDERATION OF VETO MES-  
21 SAGES.—Debate in the Senate of any veto mes-  
22 sage with respect to a joint resolution of ap-  
23 proval or joint resolution of disapproval, includ-  
24 ing all debatable motions and appeals in con-  
25 nection with the joint resolution, shall be lim-

1           ited to 10 hours, to be equally divided between,  
2           and controlled by, the majority leader and the  
3           minority leader or their designees.

4           (5) RULES RELATING TO SENATE AND HOUSE  
5           OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

6                   (A) TREATMENT OF SENATE JOINT RESO-  
7                   LUTION IN HOUSE.—In the House of Rep-  
8                   resentatives, the following procedures shall  
9                   apply to a joint resolution of approval or a joint  
10                   resolution of disapproval received from the Sen-  
11                   ate (unless the House has already passed a  
12                   joint resolution relating to the same proposed  
13                   action):

14                           (i) The joint resolution shall be re-  
15                           ferred to the appropriate committees.

16                           (ii) If a committee to which a joint  
17                           resolution has been referred has not re-  
18                           ported the joint resolution within 5 legisla-  
19                           tive days after the date of referral, that  
20                           committee shall be discharged from further  
21                           consideration of the joint resolution.

22                           (iii) Beginning on the third legislative  
23                           day after each committee to which a joint  
24                           resolution has been referred reports the  
25                           joint resolution to the House or has been

1 discharged from further consideration  
2 thereof, it shall be in order to move to pro-  
3 ceed to consider the joint resolution in the  
4 House. All points of order against the mo-  
5 tion are waived. Such a motion shall not be  
6 in order after the House has disposed of a  
7 motion to proceed on the joint resolution.  
8 The previous question shall be considered  
9 as ordered on the motion to its adoption  
10 without intervening motion. The motion  
11 shall not be debatable. A motion to recon-  
12 sider the vote by which the motion is dis-  
13 posed of shall not be in order.

14 (iv) The joint resolution shall be con-  
15 sidered as read. All points of order against  
16 the joint resolution and against its consid-  
17 eration are waived. The previous question  
18 shall be considered as ordered on the joint  
19 resolution to final passage without inter-  
20 vening motion except 2 hours of debate  
21 equally divided and controlled by the spon-  
22 sor of the joint resolution (or a designee)  
23 and an opponent. A motion to reconsider  
24 the vote on passage of the joint resolution  
25 shall not be in order.

1 (B) TREATMENT OF HOUSE JOINT RESO-  
2 LUTION IN SENATE.—

3 (i) RECEIPT BEFORE PASSAGE.—If,  
4 before the passage by the Senate of a joint  
5 resolution of approval or joint resolution of  
6 disapproval, the Senate receives an iden-  
7 tical joint resolution from the House of  
8 Representatives, the following procedures  
9 shall apply:

10 (I) That joint resolution shall not  
11 be referred to a committee.

12 (II) With respect to that joint  
13 resolution—

14 (aa) the procedure in the  
15 Senate shall be the same as if no  
16 joint resolution had been received  
17 from the House of Representa-  
18 tives; but

19 (bb) the vote on passage  
20 shall be on the joint resolution  
21 from the House of Representa-  
22 tives.

23 (ii) RECEIPT AFTER PASSAGE.—If,  
24 following passage of a joint resolution of  
25 approval or joint resolution of disapproval



1 in the Senate, the Senate receives an iden-  
2 tical joint resolution from the House of  
3 Representatives, that joint resolution shall  
4 be placed on the appropriate Senate cal-  
5 endar.

6 (iii) NO COMPANION MEASURE.—If a  
7 joint resolution of approval or a joint reso-  
8 lution of disapproval is received from the  
9 House, and no companion joint resolution  
10 has been introduced in the Senate, the  
11 Senate procedures under this subsection  
12 shall apply to the House joint resolution.

13 (C) APPLICATION TO REVENUE MEAS-  
14 URES.—The provisions of this paragraph shall  
15 not apply in the House of Representatives to a  
16 joint resolution of approval or joint resolution  
17 of disapproval that is a revenue measure.

18 (6) RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
19 AND SENATE.—This subsection is enacted by Con-  
20 gress—

21 (A) as an exercise of the rulemaking power  
22 of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
23 tives, respectively, and as such is deemed a part  
24 of the rules of each House, respectively, and su-

1           persedes other rules only to the extent that it  
2           is inconsistent with such rules; and

3                   (B) with full recognition of the constitu-  
4           tional right of either House to change the rules  
5           (so far as relating to the procedure of that  
6           House) at any time, in the same manner, and  
7           to the same extent as in the case of any other  
8           rule of that House.

9           (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES  
10   AND LEADERSHIP DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
11   “appropriate congressional committees and leadership”  
12   means—

13                   (1) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
14           Urban Affairs, the Committee on Foreign Relations,  
15           and the majority and minority leaders of the Senate;  
16           and

17                   (2) the Committee on Financial Services, the  
18           Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Speaker, the  
19           majority leader, and the minority leader of the  
20           House of Representatives.

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Attest:

*Clerk.*



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