

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2229

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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11, 2023

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. YOUNG, and Ms. WARREN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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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 enactment of this
13 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 (22
10 U.S.C. 611 et seq.) at any time before, on, or after the
11 date of enactment of this Act.

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