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S. 3585

To amend title 9, United States Code, with respect to arbitration of disputes involving human trafficking.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 11, 2024

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. HAWLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES INVOLVING**
4 **HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 9, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in the heading, by striking “**ASSAULT**
8 **AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT**” and inserting
9 “**ASSAULT, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AND**
10 **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**”;

1 (2) in section 401—

2 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
3 through (4) as paragraphs (2) through (5), re-
4 spectively; and

5 (B) by inserting before paragraph (2), as
6 so redesignated, the following:

7 “(1) HUMAN TRAFFICKING DISPUTE.—The
8 term ‘human trafficking dispute’ means a dispute
9 relating to conduct prohibited by—

10 “(A) chapter 77 of title 18; or

11 “(B) Tribal or State laws prohibiting
12 human trafficking.”; and

13 (3) in section 402(a)—

14 (A) by striking “dispute or sexual assault
15 dispute” and inserting “dispute, sexual assault
16 dispute, or human trafficking dispute”; and

17 (B) by striking “dispute or the sexual har-
18 assment dispute” and inserting “dispute, sexual
19 harassment dispute, or human trafficking dis-
20 pute”.

21 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

22 The table of chapters for title 9, United States Code, is
23 amended by striking the item relating to chapter 4 and
24 inserting the following:

“4. Arbitration of disputes involving sexual assault, sexual harassment, and human trafficking 401.”.

