

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6323

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## AN ACT

To modify the availability of certain waiver authorities with respect to sanctions imposed with respect to the financial sector of Iran, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Iran Counterterrorism  
3 Act of 2023”.

4 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF WAIVER AUTHORITIES WITH RE-**  
5 **SPECT TO SANCTIONS IMPOSED WITH RE-**  
6 **SPECT TO THE FINANCIAL SECTOR OF IRAN.**

7 (a) FY 2013 NDAA.—Section 1247 of the National  
8 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (22  
9 U.S.C. 8806) is amended as follows:

10 (1) In subsection (f)(1)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “de-  
12 termines that such a waiver” and inserting the  
13 following: “determines that—

14 “(i) the Government of Iran has  
15 ceased to provide support for acts of inter-  
16 national terrorism; or

17 “(ii) such a waiver”; and

18 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “be-  
19 fore issuing a waiver pursuant to subparagraph  
20 (A)(ii),” before “submits”.

21 (2) By adding at the end the following:

22 “(g) PERIOD FOR REVIEW BY CONGRESS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—During the period of 30  
24 calendar days beginning on the date on which the  
25 President submits a report under subsection  
26 (f)(1)(B), the appropriate congressional committees

1 should, as appropriate, hold hearings and briefings  
2 and otherwise obtain information in order to fully  
3 review the report.

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

10 “(3) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING INITIAL  
11 CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PERIOD.—Notwithstanding  
12 any other provision of law, during the period for  
13 congressional review provided for under paragraph  
14 (1) of a report submitted under subsection (f)(1)(B)  
15 proposing a waiver of the imposition of sanctions  
16 under subsection (a), including any additional period  
17 for such review as applicable under the exception  
18 provided in paragraph (2), the President may not  
19 issue the waiver unless a joint resolution of approval  
20 with respect to that waiver is enacted in accordance  
21 with subsection (h).

22 “(4) EFFECT OF ENACTMENT OF A JOINT RES-  
23 OLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any  
24 other provision of law, if a joint resolution of dis-  
25 approval relating to a report submitted under sub-

1 section (f)(1)(B) proposing an action described in  
 2 subsection (f)(1)(A)(ii) is enacted in accordance with  
 3 subsection (h), the President may not issue the waiver.  
 4 er.

5 “(h) JOINT RESOLUTIONS OF DISAPPROVAL OR AP-  
 6 PROVAL DEFINED.—In this subsection:

7 “(1) JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.—The  
 8 term ‘joint resolution of approval’ means only a joint  
 9 resolution of either House of Congress—

10 “(A) the title of which is as follows: ‘A  
 11 joint resolution approving the President’s pro-  
 12 posal to issue a waiver relating to the applica-  
 13 tion of certain sanctions with respect to Iran.’;  
 14 and

15 “(B) the sole matter after the resolving  
 16 clause of which is the following: ‘Congress ap-  
 17 proves of the issuance of a waiver relating to  
 18 the application of sanctions imposed with re-  
 19 spect to Iran proposed by the President in the  
 20 report submitted to Congress under section  
 21 1247(f)(1)(B) of the National Defense Author-  
 22 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 on  
 23 \_\_\_\_\_ relating to  
 24 \_\_\_\_\_.’, with the first blank space  
 25 being filled with the appropriate date and the

1 second blank space being filled with a short de-  
2 scription of the proposed waiver.

3 “(2) JOINT RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL.—

4 The term ‘joint resolution of disapproval’ means only  
5 a joint resolution of either House of Congress—

6 “(A) the title of which is as follows: ‘A  
7 joint resolution disapproving the President’s  
8 proposal to issue a waiver relating to the appli-  
9 cation of certain sanctions with respect to  
10 Iran.’; and

11 “(B) the sole matter after the resolving  
12 clause of which is the following: ‘Congress dis-  
13 approves of the issuance of a waiver relating to  
14 the application of sanctions imposed with re-  
15 spect to Iran proposed by the President in the  
16 report submitted to Congress under section  
17 1247(f)(1)(B) of the National Defense Author-  
18 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 on  
19 \_\_\_\_\_ relating to  
20 \_\_\_\_\_.’, with the first blank space  
21 being filled with the appropriate date and the  
22 second blank space being filled with a short de-  
23 scription of the proposed action.

24 “(3) INTRODUCTION.—During the period of 30  
25 calendar days provided for under subsection (g)(1),

1 including any additional period as applicable under  
2 the exception provided in subsection (g)(2), a joint  
3 resolution of approval or joint resolution of dis-  
4 approval may be introduced—

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

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

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

19 “(5) CONSIDERATION IN THE SENATE.—

20 “(A) COMMITTEE REFERRAL.—A joint res-  
21 olution of approval or joint resolution of dis-  
22 approval introduced in the Senate shall be re-  
23 ferred to the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
24 and Urban Affairs.

1           “(B) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—If the  
2 committee to which a joint resolution of ap-  
3 proval or joint resolution of disapproval was re-  
4 ferred has not reported the joint resolution  
5 within 10 calendar days after the date of refer-  
6 ral of the joint resolution, that committee shall  
7 be discharged from further consideration of the  
8 joint resolution and the joint resolution shall be  
9 placed on the appropriate calendar.

10           “(C) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—  
11 Notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing  
12 Rules of the Senate, it is in order at any time  
13 after the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
14 Urban Affairs reports a joint resolution of ap-  
15 proval or joint resolution of disapproval to the  
16 Senate or has been discharged from consider-  
17 ation of such a joint resolution (even though a  
18 previous motion to the same effect has been dis-  
19 agreed to) to move to proceed to the consider-  
20 ation of the joint resolution, and all points of  
21 order against the joint resolution (and against  
22 consideration of the joint resolution) are  
23 waived. The motion to proceed is not debatable.  
24 The motion is not subject to a motion to post-  
25 pone. A motion to reconsider the vote by which

1 the motion is agreed to or disagreed to shall not  
2 be in order.

3 “(D) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCE-  
4 DURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair  
5 relating to the application of the rules of the  
6 Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure re-  
7 lating to a joint resolution of approval or joint  
8 resolution of disapproval shall be decided with-  
9 out debate.

10 “(E) CONSIDERATION OF VETO MES-  
11 SAGES.—Debate in the Senate of any veto mes-  
12 sage with respect to a joint resolution of ap-  
13 proval or joint resolution of disapproval, includ-  
14 ing all debatable motions and appeals in con-  
15 nection with the joint resolution, shall be lim-  
16 ited to 10 hours, to be equally divided between,  
17 and controlled by, the majority leader and the  
18 minority leader or their designees.

19 “(6) RULES RELATING TO SENATE AND HOUSE  
20 OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

21 “(A) TREATMENT OF SENATE JOINT RESO-  
22 LUTION IN HOUSE.—In the House of Rep-  
23 resentatives, the following procedures shall  
24 apply to a joint resolution of approval or a joint  
25 resolution of disapproval received from the Sen-



1           ate (unless the House has already passed a  
2           joint resolution relating to the same proposed  
3           action):

4                   “(i) The joint resolution shall be re-  
5                   ferred to the Committee on Financial Serv-  
6                   ices.

7                   “(ii) If a committee to which a joint  
8                   resolution has been referred has not re-  
9                   ported the joint resolution within 2 cal-  
10                  endar days after the date of referral, that  
11                  committee shall be discharged from further  
12                  consideration of the joint resolution.

13                  “(iii) Beginning on the third legisla-  
14                  tive day after each committee to which a  
15                  joint resolution has been referred reports  
16                  the joint resolution to the House or has  
17                  been discharged from further consideration  
18                  thereof, it shall be in order to move to pro-  
19                  ceed to consider the joint resolution in the  
20                  House. All points of order against the mo-  
21                  tion are waived. Such a motion shall not be  
22                  in order after the House has disposed of a  
23                  motion to proceed on the joint resolution.  
24                  The previous question shall be considered  
25                  as ordered on the motion to its adoption

1 without intervening motion. The motion  
2 shall not be debatable. A motion to recon-  
3 sider the vote by which the motion is dis-  
4 posed of shall not be in order.

5 “(iv) The joint resolution shall be con-  
6 sidered as read. All points of order against  
7 the joint resolution and against its consid-  
8 eration are waived. The previous question  
9 shall be considered as ordered on the joint  
10 resolution to final passage without inter-  
11 vening motion except 2 hours of debate  
12 equally divided and controlled by the spon-  
13 sor of the joint resolution (or a designee)  
14 and an opponent. A motion to reconsider  
15 the vote on passage of the joint resolution  
16 shall not be in order.

17 “(B) TREATMENT OF HOUSE JOINT RESO-  
18 LUTION IN SENATE.—

19 “(i) If, before the passage by the Sen-  
20 ate of a joint resolution of approval or  
21 joint resolution of disapproval, the Senate  
22 receives an identical joint resolution from  
23 the House of Representatives, the following  
24 procedures shall apply:

1                   “(I) That joint resolution shall  
2 not be referred to a committee.

3                   “(II) With respect to that joint  
4 resolution—

5                   “(aa) the procedure in the  
6 Senate shall be the same as if no  
7 joint resolution had been received  
8 from the House of Representa-  
9 tives; but

10                   “(bb) the vote on passage  
11 shall be on the joint resolution  
12 from the House of Representa-  
13 tives.

14                   “(ii) If, following passage of a joint  
15 resolution of approval or joint resolution of  
16 disapproval in the Senate, the Senate re-  
17 ceives an identical joint resolution from the  
18 House of Representatives, that joint reso-  
19 lution shall be placed on the appropriate  
20 Senate calendar.

21                   “(iii) If a joint resolution of approval  
22 or a joint resolution of disapproval is re-  
23 ceived from the House, and no companion  
24 joint resolution has been introduced in the  
25 Senate, the Senate procedures under this

1 subsection shall apply to the House joint  
2 resolution.

3 “(C) APPLICATION TO REVENUE MEAS-  
4 URES.—The provisions of this paragraph shall  
5 not apply in the House of Representatives to a  
6 joint resolution of approval or joint resolution  
7 of disapproval that is a revenue measure.

8 “(7) RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
9 AND SENATE.—This subsection is enacted by Con-  
10 gress—

11 “(A) as an exercise of the rulemaking  
12 power of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
13 resentatives, respectively, and as such is deemed  
14 a part of the rules of each House, respectively,  
15 and supersedes other rules only to the extent  
16 that it is inconsistent with such rules; and

17 “(B) with full recognition of the constitu-  
18 tional right of either House to change the rules  
19 (so far as relating to the procedure of that  
20 House) at any time, in the same manner, and  
21 to the same extent as in the case of any other  
22 rule of that House.”.

23 (b) FY 2012 NDAA.—Section 1245(d)(5) of the Na-  
24 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (22  
25 U.S.C. 8513a(d)(5)) is amended as follows:

1           (1) In subparagraph (A), by striking “deter-  
2           mines that such a waiver” and inserting the fol-  
3           lowing: “determines that—

4                       “(i) the Government of Iran has  
5                       ceased to provide support for acts of inter-  
6                       national terrorism; or

7                       “(ii) such a waiver”.

8           (2) In subparagraph (B), by inserting “before  
9           issuing a waiver pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ii),”  
10          before “submits”.

11          (3) By adding at the end the following:

12          “The provisions relating to period for review by Con-  
13          gress described in subsections (g) and (h) of section  
14          1247 of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
15          Fiscal Year 2013 (22 U.S.C. 8806) shall apply with  
16          respect to a report submitted under subparagraph  
17          (B) proposing a waiver of the imposition of sanc-  
18          tions under paragraph (1) in the same manner and  
19          to the same extent as such provisions apply with re-  
20          spect to a report submitted under subsection  
21          (f)(1)(B) of such section 1247 proposing a waiver of

1 the imposition of sanctions under subsection (a) of  
2 such section.”.

Passed the House of Representatives April 17, 2024.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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