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To provide for the debarment or suspension from Federal procurement and nonprocurement activities of persons that violate certain labor and safety laws.

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Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COYNE, Mr. FROST, Mr. OLVER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. KLINK, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. RUSH, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. TORRES, Ms. CARSON, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN of California, and Mr. LIPINSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for the debarment or suspension from Federal procurement and nonprocurement activities of persons that violate certain labor and safety laws.

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 “Federal Procurement
5 and Assistance Integrity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to improve the efficiency
3 and effectiveness and protect the integrity of the Federal
4 procurement and assistance systems by ensuring that the
5 Federal Government does business with responsible con-
6 tractors and participants.

7 **SEC. 3. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION FOR VIOLATORS OF**
8 **CERTAIN LABOR AND SAFETY LAWS.**

9 (a) DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION.—The Secretary
10 of Labor may debar or suspend a person from procure-
11 ment activities or nonprocurement activities upon a find-
12 ing, in accordance with procedures developed under this
13 section, that the person violated any of the following laws:

14 (1) The National Labor Relations Act (29
15 U.S.C. 151 et seq.).

16 (2) The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29
17 U.S.C. 201 et seq.).

18 (3) The Occupational Safety and Health Act
19 (29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.).

20 (4) Section 4212(a) of title 38, United States
21 Code.

22 (b) PROCEDURES.—The Secretary of Labor and the
23 National Labor Relations Board shall jointly develop pro-
24 cedures to determine whether a violation of a law listed
25 in subsection (a) is serious enough to warrant debarment
26 or suspension under that subsection. The procedures shall

1 provide for an assessment of the nature and extent of com-
2 pliance with such laws, including whether there are or
3 were single or multiple violations of those laws or other
4 labor or safety laws and whether the violations occur or
5 have occurred at one facility, several facilities, or through-
6 out the company concerned. In developing the procedures,
7 the Secretary and the Board shall consult with depart-
8 ments and agencies of the Federal Government and pro-
9 vide, to the extent feasible, for ongoing exchanges of infor-
10 mation between the departments and agencies and the De-
11 partment of Labor and the Board in order to accurately
12 carry out such assessments.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) The term “debar” means to exclude, pursu-
15 ant to established administrative procedures, from
16 Government contracting and subcontracting, or from
17 participation in nonprocurement activities, for a
18 specified period of time commensurate with the seri-
19 ousness of the failure or offense or the inadequacy
20 of performance.

21 (2) The term “suspend” means to disqualify,
22 pursuant to established administrative procedures,
23 from Government contracting and subcontracting, or
24 from participation in nonprocurement activities, for
25 a temporary period of time because an entity or indi-

1 vidual is suspected of engaging in criminal, fraudu-
2 lent, or seriously improper conduct.

3 (3) The term “procurement activities” means
4 all acquisition programs and activities of the Federal
5 Government, as defined in the Federal Acquisition
6 Regulation.

7 (4) The term “nonprocurement activities”
8 means all programs and activities involving Federal
9 financial and nonfinancial assistance and benefits, as
10 covered by Executive Order No. 12549 and the Of-
11 fice of Management and Budget guidelines imple-
12 menting that order.

13 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect on
14 October 1, 1997.

15 (e) REGULATIONS.—The Federal Acquisition Regula-
16 tion and the regulations issued pursuant to Executive
17 Order No. 12549 shall be revised to include provisions to
18 carry out this Act.

19 (f) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor and
21 the National Labor Relations Board shall jointly submit
22 to Congress a report on the implementation of this Act.

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