

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1703

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 2, 2008

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

To prevent and reduce trafficking in persons.

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 “Trafficking in Persons
3 Accountability Act of 2008”.

4 **SEC. 2. JURISDICTION IN CERTAIN TRAFFICKING OF-**
5 **FENSES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 77 of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 **“§ 1596. Additional jurisdiction in certain trafficking**
10 **offenses**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any domestic or
12 extra-territorial jurisdiction otherwise provided by law, the
13 courts of the United States have extra-territorial jurisdic-
14 tion over any offense (or any attempt or conspiracy to
15 commit an offense) under section 1581, section 1583, sec-
16 tion 1584, section 1589, section 1590, or section 1591 of
17 this title if—

18 “(1) an alleged offender is a national of the
19 United States or an alien lawfully admitted for per-
20 manent residence (as those terms are defined in sec-
21 tion 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
22 U.S.C. 1101)); or

23 “(2) an alleged offender is present in the
24 United States, irrespective of the nationality of the
25 alleged offender.

1 “(b) LIMITATION ON PROSECUTIONS OF OFFENSES
2 PROSECUTED IN OTHER COUNTRIES.—No prosecution
3 may be commenced against a person under this section
4 if a foreign government, in accordance with jurisdiction
5 recognized by the United States, has prosecuted or is pros-
6 ecuting such person for the conduct constituting such of-
7 fense, except upon the approval of the Attorney General
8 or the Deputy Attorney General (or a person acting in
9 either such capacity), which function of approval may not
10 be delegated.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
12 at the beginning of chapter 77 of title 18, United States
13 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“1596. Additional jurisdiction in certain trafficking offenses.”.

Passed the Senate October 1 (legislative day, Sep-
tember 17), 2008.

Attest:

NANCY ERICKSON,
Secretary.