

Calendar No. 903

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 1703**

To prevent and reduce trafficking in persons.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 27, 2007

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 28, 2008

Reported by Mr. LEAHY, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

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 “**Trafficking in Persons**
5 **Accountability Act of 2007**”.

1 **SEC. 2. JURISDICTION IN CERTAIN TRAFFICKING OF-**
 2 **FENSES.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 77 of title 18, United
 4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 5 lowing:

6 **“§ 1596. Jurisdiction in certain trafficking offenses**

7 “The jurisdiction of the courts of the United States
 8 over any offense under this chapter shall include any case
 9 in which, not later than 10 years after the conduct re-
 10 quired for the offense occurs, the alleged offender is
 11 brought into, or found in, the United States, even if that
 12 conduct occurred outside the United States.”.

13 (b) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—
 14 The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 77 of
 15 title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 16 end the following:

“1596. Jurisdiction in certain trafficking offenses.”.

17 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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 19 *Accountability Act of 2007”.*

20 **SEC. 2. JURISDICTION IN CERTAIN TRAFFICKING OF-**
 21 **FENSES.**

22 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 77 of title 18, United
 23 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“§ 1596. Additional jurisdiction in certain trafficking**
2 **offenses**

3 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*In addition to any domestic or*
4 *extra-territorial jurisdiction otherwise provided by law, the*
5 *courts of the United States have extra-territorial jurisdic-*
6 *tion over any offense (or any attempt or conspiracy to com-*
7 *mit an offense) under section 1581, section 1583, section*
8 *1584, section 1589, section 1590, or section 1591 of this title*
9 *if—*

10 “(1) *an alleged offender or victim of the offense*
11 *is a national of the United States or an alien law-*
12 *fully admitted for permanent residence (as those*
13 *terms are defined in section 101 of the Immigration*
14 *and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101)); or*

15 “(2) *an alleged offender is present in the United*
16 *States, irrespective of the nationality of the alleged of-*
17 *fender.*

18 “(b) *LIMITATION ON PROSECUTIONS OF OFFENSES*
19 *PROSECUTED IN OTHER COUNTRIES.*—*No prosecution may*
20 *be commenced against a person under this section if a for-*
21 *eign government, in accordance with jurisdiction recognized*
22 *by the United States, has prosecuted or is prosecuting such*
23 *person for the conduct constituting such offense, except upon*
24 *the approval of the Attorney General or the Deputy Attor-*
25 *ney General (or a person acting in either such capacity),*
26 *which function of approval may not be delegated.”*

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