

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4703

To amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 relating to determinations with respect to efforts of foreign countries to reduce demand for commercial sex acts under the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2014

Mr. HULTGREN (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT RELATING TO DETERMINATIONS**
2 **WITH RESPECT TO EFFORTS OF FOREIGN**
3 **COUNTRIES TO REDUCE DEMAND FOR COM-**
4 **MERCIAL SEX ACTS UNDER THE MINIMUM**
5 **STANDARDS FOR THE ELIMINATION OF TRAF-**
6 **FICKING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 108 of the Trafficking
8 Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7106) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 section:

11 “(c) CRITERIA WITH RESPECT TO COMMERCIAL SEX
12 ACTS.—In determinations under subsection (b)(12)(A), if
13 the government of the country has the authority to pro-
14 hibit the purchase of commercial sex acts and fails to do
15 so, such failure to prohibit the purchase of commercial sex
16 acts shall be deemed to be a failure on the part of the
17 government to make serious and sustained efforts to re-
18 duce the demand for commercial sex acts, notwithstanding
19 other efforts made by the government to reduce the de-
20 mand for commercial sex acts.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
22 subsection (a) takes effect on the date of the enactment
23 of this Act and applies with respect to determinations
24 under subsection (b)(12)(A) of section 108 of the Traf-

- 1 fixing Victims Protection Act of 2000 that are made on
- 2 or after such date of enactment.

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