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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 2017

Mrs. Shaheen (for herself, Ms. Collins, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Booker, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Coons, Ms. Duckworth, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Franken, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Harris, Ms. Hassan, Mr. Heinrich, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Kaine, Mr. King, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Markey, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Peters, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Tester, Mr. Udall, Mr. Van Hollen, Ms. Warren, Mr. Warner, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wyden, Ms. Cortez Masto, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Casey, and Mrs. McCaskill) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Global Health, Empowerment and Rights Act”.


Notwithstanding any other provision of law, regulation, or policy, in determining eligibility for assistance authorized under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.), foreign nongovernmental organizations—

(1) shall not be ineligible for such assistance solely on the basis of health or medical services, including counseling and referral services, provided by such organizations with non-United States Government funds if such services do not violate the laws of the country in which they are being provided and would not violate United States Federal law if provided in the United States; and

(2) shall not be subject to requirements relating to the use of non-United States Government funds for advocacy and lobbying activities other than those that apply to United States nongovernmental organizations receiving assistance under part I of such Act.