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H. R. 4189

To amend title 28, United States Code, to allow claims against foreign states for unlawful computer intrusion, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERGMAN (for himself and Mr. KIM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Homeland and Cyber
5 Threat Act” or the “HACT Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FOREIGN STATE COMPUTER INTRUSIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 97 of title 28, United
8 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1605B
9 the following:

1 **“§ 1605C. Computer intrusions by a foreign state**

2 “A foreign state shall not be immune from the juris-
3 diction of the courts of the United States or of the States
4 in any case not otherwise covered by this chapter in which
5 money damages are sought against a foreign state by a
6 national of the United States for personal injury, harm
7 to reputation, or damage to or loss of property resulting
8 from any of the following activities, whether occurring in
9 the United States or a foreign state:

10 “(1) Unauthorized access to or access exceeding
11 authorization to a computer located in the United
12 States.

13 “(2) Unauthorized access to confidential, elec-
14 tronic stored information located in the United
15 States.

16 “(3) The transmission of a program, informa-
17 tion, code, or command to a computer located in the
18 United States, which, as a result of such conduct,
19 causes damage without authorization.

20 “(4) The use, dissemination, or disclosure, with-
21 out consent, of any information obtained by means
22 of any activity described in paragraph (1), (2), or
23 (3).

24 “(5) The provision of material support or re-
25 sources for any activity described in paragraph (1),

1 (2), (3), or (4), including by an official, employee, or
2 agent of such foreign state.”.

3 (b) APPLICATION.—This Act and the amendments
4 made by this Act shall apply to any action pending on
5 or filed on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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