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To require the imposition of sanctions with respect to officials of the Government of Lebanon responsible for the wrongful or unlawful detention of citizens and nationals of the United States held in Lebanon.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. CRUZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Zero Tolerance for Un-
5 lawful Detentions of United States Citizens in Lebanon
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.**

8 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF OFFICIALS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
2 develop a list of each individual—

3 (A) who is a current or former official of
4 the Government of Lebanon (including the judi-
5 ciary and the Military Court); and

6 (B) with respect to whom the Secretary
7 has credible information indicating that the in-
8 dividual was involved in or facilitated the
9 wrongful, unlawful, or inhumane arrest, deten-
10 tion, or abuse of a citizen or national of the
11 United States being held in Lebanon as of the
12 date of the list.

13 (2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary
14 shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
15 mittees—

16 (A) the list required by paragraph (1) not
17 later than 15 days after the date of the enact-
18 ment of this Act; and

19 (B) an update to the list not less fre-
20 quently than every 30 days thereafter and as
21 new information becomes available.

22 (3) FORM.—The list required by paragraph (1)
23 shall be submitted in unclassified form and pub-
24 lished in the Federal Register.

1 (4) REMOVAL FROM LIST.—An individual may
2 be removed from the list required by paragraph (1)
3 if the President determines and reports to the ap-
4 propriate congressional committees not less than 15
5 days before the removal of the individual from the
6 list that all citizens and nationals of the United
7 States who were wrongfully, unlawfully, or
8 inhumanely held in Lebanon have been released.

9 (b) INADMISSIBILITY TO THE UNITED STATES OF
10 IDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND ASSO-
11 CIATES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
13 deny a visa to an alien described in paragraph (2)
14 and revoke, in accordance with section 221(i) of the
15 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)),
16 any visa of such an alien, and the Secretary of
17 Homeland Security shall exclude any such alien from
18 the United States.

19 (2) ALIENS DESCRIBED.—An alien described in
20 this paragraph is an alien who is—

21 (A) an individual on the list required by
22 subsection (a);

23 (B) an immediate family member of such
24 an individual; or

1 (C) an associate of an individual described
2 in subparagraph (A) or (B).

3 (3) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-
4 NATIONAL AGREEMENTS.—Paragraph (1) shall not
5 apply with respect to an alien if admitting the alien
6 into the United States is necessary to permit the
7 United States to comply with the Agreement regard-
8 ing the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed
9 at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into
10 force November 21, 1947, between the United Na-
11 tions and the United States, or other applicable
12 international obligations of the United States.

13 (c) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY OF IDENTIFIED INDI-
14 VIDUALS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall block
16 and prohibit, in accordance with the International
17 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701
18 et seq.), all transactions in all property and interests
19 in property of any individual on the list required by
20 subsection (a) if such property and interests are in
21 the United States, come within the United States, or
22 are or come within the possession or control of a
23 United States person.

24 (2) INAPPLICABILITY OF NATIONAL EMER-
25 GENCY REQUIREMENT.—The requirements of section

1 202 of the International Emergency Economic Pow-
2 ers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701) shall not apply for pur-
3 poses of this section.

4 (3) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF
5 GOODS.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The authorities and re-
7 quirements to impose sanctions authorized
8 under this subsection shall not include the au-
9 thority or a requirement to impose sanctions on
10 the importation of goods.

11 (B) GOOD DEFINED.—In this paragraph,
12 the term “good” means any article, natural or
13 manmade substance, material, supply, or manu-
14 factured product, including inspection and test
15 equipment, and excluding technical data.

16 (d) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

17 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-
18 ercise all authorities provided under sections 203
19 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic
20 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out
21 this section.

22 (2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-
23 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
24 violation of subsection (c)(1) or any regulation, li-
25 cense, or order issued to carry out that subsection

1 shall be subject to the penalties set forth in sub-
2 sections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-
3 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
4 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that
5 commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a)
6 of that section.

7 (e) NONAPPLICABILITY OF CONFIDENTIALITY RE-
8 QUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO VISA RECORDS.—The
9 President shall publish the list required by subsection (a)
10 without regard to the requirements of section 222(f) of
11 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1202(f))
12 with respect to confidentiality of records pertaining to the
13 issuance or refusal of visas or permits to enter the United
14 States.

15 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) ALIEN.—The terms “admitted” and “alien”
17 have the meanings given those terms in section 101
18 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
19 1101).

20 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
21 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
22 mittees” means—

23 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
24 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
25 Affairs, the Committee on Foreign Relations,

1 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
2 Senate; and

3 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
4 Committee on Financial Services, the Com-
5 mittee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee
6 on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
7 tives.

8 (3) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
9 “United States person” means—

10 (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-
11 fully admitted for permanent residence to the
12 United States; or

13 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
14 the United States or of any jurisdiction within
15 the United States, including a foreign branch of
16 such an entity.

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