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S. 4207

To amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended to require news outlets that are agents of a foreign principal to provide adequate disclosure of their status.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. SASSE) 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. DISCLOSURE OF STATUS BY NEWS OUTLETS**

4 **THAT ARE AGENTS OF A FOREIGN PRIN-**
5 **CIPAL.**

6 Section 4(b) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act
7 of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 614(b)) is amended by
8 inserting after the first sentence the following: “It shall

1 be unlawful for any news or press service or association,
2 newspaper, magazine, periodical, or other publication that
3 is an agent of a foreign principal and required to register
4 under the provisions of this Act to fail to include in any
5 transmission in the United States mails or any trans-
6 mission made by any means or instrumentality of inter-
7 state or foreign commerce (including a transmission by
8 radio, television, or the internet) that is transmitted into
9 the United States a conspicuous statement that the trans-
10 mission is made by an agent of a foreign principal, and
11 that additional information is on file with the Department
12 of Justice, Washington, District of Columbia.”.

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