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# H. R. 4551

[Report No. 117-439]

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2021

Mr. BILIRAKIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

JULY 26, 2022

Additional sponsor: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY

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Reported from the Committee on Energy and Commerce; committed to the  
Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered  
to be printed

# **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 “Reporting Attacks  
5 from Nations Selected for Oversight and Monitoring Web  
6 Attacks and Ransomware from Enemies Act” or the  
7 “RANSOMWARE Act”.

8 **SEC. 2. RANSOMWARE AND OTHER CYBER-RELATED AT-**  
9 **TACKS.**

10       Section 14 of the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006  
11 (Public Law 109–455; 120 Stat. 3382) is amended—

12               (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

13                       (A) by striking “Not later than 3 years  
14 after the date of enactment of this Act,” and  
15 inserting “Not later than 1 year after the date  
16 of enactment of the Reporting Attacks from  
17 Nations Selected for Oversight and Monitoring  
18 Web Attacks and Ransomware from Enemies  
19 Act, and every 2 years thereafter,”; and

20                       (B) by inserting “, with respect to the 2-  
21 year period preceding the date of the report (or,  
22 in the case of the first report transmitted under  
23 this section after the date of the enactment of  
24 the Reporting Attacks from Nations Selected  
25 for Oversight and Monitoring Web Attacks and

1 Ransomware from Enemies Act, the 1-year pe-  
2 riod preceding the date of the report)” after  
3 “include”;

4 (2) in paragraph (8), by striking “; and” and  
5 inserting a semicolon;

6 (3) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at  
7 the end and inserting “; and”; and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(10) the number and details of cross-border  
10 complaints received by the Commission that involve  
11 ransomware or other cyber-related attacks—

12 “(A) that were committed by individuals  
13 located in foreign countries or with ties to for-  
14 eign countries; and

15 “(B) that were committed by companies lo-  
16 cated in foreign countries or with ties to foreign  
17 countries.”.

18 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON RANSOMWARE AND OTHER CYBER-RE-**  
19 **LATED ATTACKS BY CERTAIN FOREIGN INDI-**  
20 **VIDUALS, COMPANIES, AND GOVERNMENTS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
22 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 2 years there-  
23 after, the Federal Trade Commission shall transmit to the  
24 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of  
25 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,

1 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report de-  
2 scribing its use of and experience with the authority grant-  
3 ed by the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–  
4 455) and the amendments made by such Act. The report  
5 shall include the following:

6           (1) The number and details of cross-border  
7           complaints received by the Commission (including  
8           which such complaints were acted upon and which  
9           such complaints were not acted upon) that relate to  
10          incidents that were committed by individuals, com-  
11          panies, or governments described in subsection (b),  
12          broken down by each type of individual, type of com-  
13          pany, or government described in a paragraph of  
14          such subsection.

15          (2) The number and details of cross-border  
16          complaints received by the Commission (including  
17          which such complaints were acted upon and which  
18          such complaints were not acted upon) that involve  
19          ransomware or other cyber-related attacks that were  
20          committed by individuals, companies, or govern-  
21          ments described in subsection (b), broken down by  
22          each type of individual, type of company, or govern-  
23          ment described in a paragraph of such subsection.

24          (3) A description of trends in the number of  
25          cross-border complaints received by the Commission

1 that relate to incidents that were committed by indi-  
2 viduals, companies, or governments described in sub-  
3 section (b), broken down by each type of individual,  
4 type of company, or government described in a para-  
5 graph of such subsection.

6 (4) Identification and details of foreign agencies  
7 (including foreign law enforcement agencies (as de-  
8 fined in section 4 of the Federal Trade Commission  
9 Act (15 U.S.C. 44))) located in Russia, China,  
10 North Korea, or Iran with which the Commission  
11 has cooperated and the results of such cooperation,  
12 including any foreign agency enforcement action or  
13 lack thereof.

14 (5) A description of Commission litigation, in  
15 relation to cross-border complaints described in  
16 paragraphs (1) and (2), brought in foreign courts  
17 and the results of such litigation.

18 (6) Any recommendations for legislation that  
19 may advance the mission of the Commission in car-  
20 rying out the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006 and the  
21 amendments made by such Act.

22 (7) Any recommendations for legislation that  
23 may advance the security of the United States and  
24 United States companies against ransomware and  
25 other cyber-related attacks.

1           (8) Any recommendations for United States  
2 citizens and United States businesses to implement  
3 best practices on mitigating ransomware and other  
4 cyber-related attacks.

5           (b) INDIVIDUALS, COMPANIES, AND GOVERNMENTS  
6 DESCRIBED.—The individuals, companies, and govern-  
7 ments described in this subsection are the following:

8           (1) An individual located within Russia or with  
9 direct or indirect ties to the Government of the Rus-  
10 sian Federation.

11           (2) A company located within Russia or with di-  
12 rect or indirect ties to the Government of the Rus-  
13 sian Federation.

14           (3) The Government of the Russian Federation.

15           (4) An individual located within China or with  
16 direct or indirect ties to the Government of the Peo-  
17 ple’s Republic of China.

18           (5) A company located within China or with di-  
19 rect or indirect ties to the Government of the Peo-  
20 ple’s Republic of China.

21           (6) The Government of the People’s Republic of  
22 China.

23           (7) An individual located within North Korea or  
24 with direct or indirect ties to the Government of the  
25 Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

1           (8) A company located within North Korea or  
2           with direct or indirect ties to the Government of the  
3           Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

4           (9) The Government of the Democratic People’s  
5           Republic of Korea.

6           (10) An individual located within Iran or with  
7           direct or indirect ties to the Government of the Is-  
8           lamic Republic of Iran.

9           (11) A company located within Iran or with di-  
10          rect or indirect ties to the Government of the Is-  
11          lamic Republic of Iran.

12          (12) The Government of the Islamic Republic of  
13          Iran.





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