

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6089

To clarify that section 107 of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act applies sanctions with respect to unmanned combat aerial vehicles following a 2019 change by the United Nations providing additional clarity to the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 30, 2021

Mr. McCAUL (for himself, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. DEUTCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Iranian Drones
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) A July 15, 2013, United Nations General
7 Assembly Report on the continuing operation of the
8 United Nations Register of Conventional Arms and
9 its further development (document A/68/140) states
10 in paragraph 45, “The Group noted the discussion
11 of the 2006 Group that category IV already covered
12 armed unmanned aerial vehicles and of the 2009
13 Group on a proposal to include a new category for
14 such vehicles. The Group reviewed proposals for pro-
15 viding greater clarity to category IV.”.

16 (2) Section 107 of the Countering America’s
17 Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (22 U.S.C.
18 9406), enacted August 2, 2017, requires the Presi-
19 dent to impose sanctions on any person that the
20 President determines “knowingly engages in any ac-
21 tivity that materially contributes to the supply, sale,
22 or transfer directly or indirectly to or from Iran, or
23 for the use in or benefit of Iran, of any battle tanks,
24 armored combat vehicles, large caliber artillery sys-
25 tems, combat aircraft, attack helicopters, warships,
26 missiles or missile systems, as defined for the pur-

1 pose of the United Nations Register of Conventional
2 Arms, or related materiel, including spare parts”.

3 (3) In 2019, the United Nations formally
4 changed the heading of category IV of the United
5 Nations Register of Conventional Arms to “combat
6 aircraft and unmanned combat aerial vehicles”.

7 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

8 It shall be the policy of the United States to prevent
9 Iran and Iranian-aligned terrorist and militia groups from
10 acquiring unmanned aerial vehicles, including commer-
11 cially available component parts, that can be used in at-
12 tacks against United States persons and partner nations.

13 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENT TO COUNTERING AMERICA’S ADVER-**
14 **SARIES THROUGH SANCTIONS ACT RELATING**
15 **TO SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO IRAN.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 107 of the Countering
17 America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (22 U.S.C.
18 9406) is amended—

19 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**EN-**
20 **FORCEMENT OF ARMS EMBARGOS**” and insert-
21 ing “**SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO MAJOR**
22 **CONVENTIONAL ARMS**”; and

23 (2) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “or un-
24 manned combat aerial vehicles” after “combat air-
25 craft”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
2 for the Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanc-
3 tions Act is amended by striking the item relating to sec-
4 tion 107 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 107. Sanctions with respect to major conventional arms.”.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 this section take effect on the date of the enactment of
7 this Act and apply with respect to any person that know-
8 ingly engages in any activity that materially contributes
9 to the supply, sale, or transfer directly or indirectly to or
10 from Iran, or for the use in or benefit of Iran, of any
11 unmanned combat aerial vehicles, as defined for the pur-
12 pose of the United Nations Register of Conventional
13 Arms, before, on, or after such date of enactment.

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