

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1318

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## AN ACT

To amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to clarify the definition of foreign country for purposes of malign foreign talent recruitment restriction, and for other purposes.

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 “United States Re-  
3 search Protection Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF FOREIGN COUN-**  
5 **TRY FOR PURPOSES OF MALIGN FOREIGN**  
6 **TALENT RECRUITMENT RESTRICTION.**

7       Paragraph (4) of section 10638 of title VI of division  
8 B of the Research and Development, Competition, and In-  
9 novation Act (Public Law 117–167; 42 U.S.C. 19237) is  
10 amended—

11           (1) by inserting “of concern” after “foreign  
12 country” each place such term appears;

13           (2) by striking “means—” and all that follows  
14 through “any program, position, or activity” and in-  
15 serting “means any program, position, or activity”;

16           (3) by striking subparagraph (B);

17           (4) by redesignating clauses (i) through (ix) as  
18 subparagraphs (A) through (I), respectively, and  
19 moving such subparagraphs, as so redesignated, two  
20 ems to the left;

21           (5) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
22 as so redesignated, by striking “directly provided”  
23 and inserting “whether directly or indirectly pro-  
24 vided”; and

- 1           (6) in subparagraph (I), as so redesignated, by  
2       striking “; and” and inserting a period.

Passed the House of Representatives March 24,  
2025.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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