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S. 3050

To amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, to modify requirements under that Act relating to exemptions, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. KENNEDY) 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. TREATMENT OF EXEMPTIONS UNDER THE FOR-**
4 **EIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT OF 1938.**

5 This Act may be cited as the “Preventing Adversary
6 Influence, Disinformation, and Obscured Foreign Financ-
7 ing Act of 2025” or the “PAID OFF Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF EXEMPTIONS UNDER THE FOREIGN**
 2 **AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT OF 1938.**

3 Section 3 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
 4 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 613), is amended—

5 (1) in the matter preceding subsection (a), by
 6 inserting “, except as provided in subsection (i)”
 7 after “principals”; and

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

9 “(i) LIMITATIONS.—The exemptions under sub-
 10 sections (d)(1), (d)(2), and (h) shall not apply to any
 11 agent of a foreign principal that is a corporate or govern-
 12 ment entity that is owned or controlled by 1 or more of
 13 the identified countries listed in clauses (i) through (v)
 14 of section 1(m)(1)(A) of the State Department Basic Au-
 15 thorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m)(1)(A)).”.

16 **SEC. 3. MECHANISM TO AMEND DEFINITION OF “COUNTRY**
 17 **OF CONCERN”.**

18 Section 1(m) of the State Department Basic Authori-
 19 ties Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m)) is amended—

20 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as
 21 paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

22 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
 23 lowing:

24 “(6) MODIFICATION TO DEFINITION OF ‘COUN-
 25 TRY OF CONCERN’.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
 2 State may, in consultation with the Attorney
 3 General, propose the addition or deletion of
 4 countries described in paragraph (1)(A).

5 “(B) SUBMISSION.—Any proposal de-
 6 scribed in subparagraph (A) shall—

7 “(i) be submitted to the Chairman
 8 and Ranking Member of the Committee on
 9 Foreign Relations of the Senate and the
 10 Chairman and Ranking Member of the
 11 Committee on the Judiciary of the House
 12 of Representatives; and

13 “(ii) become effective upon enactment
 14 of a joint resolution of approval as de-
 15 scribed in subparagraph (C).

16 “(C) JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.—

17 “(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of
 18 subparagraph (B)(ii), the term ‘joint reso-
 19 lution of approval’ means only a joint reso-
 20 lution—

21 “(I) that does not have a pre-
 22 amble;

23 “(II) that includes in the matter
 24 after the resolving clause the fol-
 25 lowing: ‘That Congress approves the

1 modification of the definition of
 2 “country of concern” under section
 3 1(m) of the State Department Basic
 4 Authorities Act of 1956, as submitted
 5 by the Secretary of State on
 6 _____; and section 1(m)(1)(A) of
 7 the State Department Basic Authori-
 8 ties Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C.
 9 2651a(m)(1)(A)) is amended by
 10 _____.’, the blank spaces
 11 being appropriately filled in with the
 12 appropriate date and the amendatory
 13 language required to modify the list of
 14 countries in paragraph (1)(A) of this
 15 subsection by adding or deleting 1 or
 16 more countries; and

17 “(III) the title of which is as fol-
 18 lows: ‘Joint resolution approving
 19 modifications to definition of “country
 20 of concern” under section 1(m) of the
 21 State Department Basic Authorities
 22 Act of 1956.’.

23 “(ii) REFERRAL.—

24 “(I) SENATE.—A resolution de-
 25 scribed in clause (i) that is introduced

1 in the Senate shall be referred to the
2 Committee on Foreign Relations of
3 the Senate.

4 “(II) HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
5 TIVES.—A resolution described in
6 clause (i) that is introduced in the
7 House of Representatives shall be re-
8 ferred to the Committee on the Judi-
9 ciary of the House of Representa-
10 tives.”.

11 **SEC. 4. SUNSET.**

12 The amendments made by this Act shall terminate
13 on the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment
14 of this Act.

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