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# H. R. 7561

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2020

Mr. ROSE of New York (for himself and Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma) 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

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## 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 “Stopping Malign Ac-  
5 tivities from Russian Terrorism Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**  
4 **TEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
5 mittees” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
7 the Senate; and

8 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
9 the House of Representatives.

10 (2) **STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM.**—The term  
11 “state sponsor of terrorism” means a country the  
12 government of which the Secretary of State has de-  
13 termined, for purposes of section 1754(c)(1)(A)(i) of  
14 the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.  
15 4813(c)(1)(A)(i)), section 620A of the Foreign As-  
16 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371), section 40  
17 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780),  
18 or any other provision of law, is a government that  
19 has repeatedly provided support for acts of inter-  
20 national terrorism.

21 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE**  
22 **RUSSIAN FEDERATION AS A STATE SPONSOR**  
23 **OF TERRORISM.**

24 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the  
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
26 shall submit a determination to the appropriate congres-

1 sional committees that indicates whether the Russian Fed-  
2 eration meets the criteria to be designated as a state spon-  
3 sor of terrorism.

4 (b) FORM.—The determination required under sub-  
5 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but  
6 may include a classified annex, if appropriate.

7 **SEC. 4. DETERMINATION ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE**  
8 **RUSSIAN-SUPPORTED ARMED FORCES IN THE**  
9 **DONBAS REGION OF UKRAINE AS FOREIGN**  
10 **TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
13 shall submit a determination to the appropriate congres-  
14 sional committees that indicates whether armed entities  
15 that are physically present in the Donbas region of  
16 Ukraine and are controlled or aided by the Russian Fed-  
17 eration, or armed entities that are associated or controlled  
18 by the “Donetsk People’s Republic” or the “Lugansk Peo-  
19 ple’s Republic”, meet the criteria to be designated as for-  
20 eign terrorist organizations under section 219 of the Im-  
21 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

22 (b) FORM.—The determination required under sub-  
23 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but  
24 may include a classified annex, if appropriate.

1 **SEC. 5. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**

2 Nothing in this Act may be construed—

3 (1) to authorize the use of military force; or

4 (2) to limit bilateral military-to-military dia-  
5 logue between the United States and the Russian  
6 Federation for the purpose of reducing the risk of  
7 conflict.

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