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H. R. 4140

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a foreign official from demanding a bribe, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. MALINOWSKI, and Mr. HUDSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Foreign Extortion Pre-
5 vention Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF DEMAND FOR BRIBE.**

7 Section 201 of title 18, United States Code is amend-
8 ed—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
10 following:

1 “(4) The term ‘foreign official’ means any offi-
2 cer or employee—

3 “(A) of a foreign government or any de-
4 partment, agency, or instrumentality thereof;

5 “(B) of a public international organization;

6 or

7 “(C) any person acting in an official ca-
8 pacity for or on behalf of any such government
9 or department, agency, or instrumentality, or
10 for or on behalf of any such public international
11 organization.

12 “(5) The term ‘public international organiza-
13 tion’ means—

14 “(A) an organization that is designated by
15 Executive order pursuant to section 1 of the
16 International Organizations Immunities Act (22
17 U.S.C. 288); or

18 “(B) any other international organization
19 that is designated by the President by Execu-
20 tive order for the purposes of this section, effec-
21 tive as of the date of publication of such order
22 in the Federal Register”; and

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

24 “(f) Whoever, being a foreign official or person se-
25 lected to be a foreign official, otherwise than as provided

1 by law for the proper discharge of official duty, directly
2 or indirectly, corruptly demands, seeks, receives, accepts,
3 or agrees to receive or accept anything of value personally
4 or for any other person or entity, in return for—

5 “(1) being influenced in the performance of any
6 official act; or

7 “(2) being induced to do or omit to do any act
8 in violation of the official duty of such official or
9 person,

10 shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more
11 than two years or both.”.

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