

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4427
OFFERED BY MR. LAWLER OF NEW YORK**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Syria Sanctions Ac-
3 countability Act of 2025”.

**4 SEC. 2. REVIEW OF EXCEPTIVE RELIEF FOR THE COMMER-
5 CIAL BANK OF SYRIA.**

6 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act, the Director of the Financial Crimes En-
8 forcement Network shall provide a briefing to the Com-
9 mittee on Financial Services of the House of Representa-
10 tives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
11 Affairs of the Senate that contains the following:

12 (1) An evaluation of the impact of the exceptive
13 relief provided by the Financial Crimes Enforcement
14 Network under section 5318(a)(7) of title 31,
15 United States Code, with respect to the Commercial
16 Bank of Syria on May 23, 2025, including an as-
17 sessment of whether such exceptive relief advanced

1 the national security or foreign policy objectives of
2 the United States.

3 (2) A recommendation of whether or not to con-
4 tinue exceptive relief or revise any finding with re-
5 spect to the Commercial Bank of Syria under section
6 5318A(a)(1) of title 31, United States Code.

7 **SEC. 3. ACTIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY**
8 **FUND AND THE WORLD BANK.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury
10 shall instruct the United States Executive Directors at the
11 International Monetary Fund and the International Bank
12 for Reconstruction and Development to use the voice and
13 vote of the United States to support the following:

14 (1) The restoration of sound data reporting and
15 regular economic monitoring in Syria.

16 (2) Technical assistance for the Government of
17 Syria to improve financial connectivity and strength-
18 en measures, consistent with international stand-
19 ards, regarding anti-money laundering, weapons
20 non-proliferation, and anti-corruption.

21 (3) A strategy to address priorities for economic
22 growth in Syria.

23 (b) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS.—Within 180 days
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and 1 year
25 thereafter, the Secretary of the Treasury shall provide a

1 briefing to the Committee on Financial Services of the
2 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
3 Relations of the Senate on the activities described in sub-
4 section (a).

5 (c) SUNSET.—The preceding provisions of this sec-
6 tion shall have no force or effect beginning on the date
7 that is 2 years after the date of the enactment of this
8 Act.

9 **SEC. 4. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK REVIEW OF COUNTRY LIM-**
10 **TATION SCHEDULE.**

11 Within 180 days after the date of the enactment of
12 this Act, the Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the
13 United States shall—

14 (1) determine whether any country limitation
15 applicable to the Bank with respect to Syria is ap-
16 propriate; and

17 (2) brief the Committee on Financial Services
18 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
19 on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Sen-
20 ate on the determination.

21 **SEC. 5. MODIFICATION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
22 **THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA.**

23 The Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2019
24 (title LXXIV of division F of Public Law 116–92; 22
25 U.S.C. 8791 note) is amended—

1 (1) in section 7431(a)—

2 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
3 by striking “for renewable periods not to exceed
4 180 days”;

5 (B) by striking paragraphs (1), (2), (3),
6 and (4) and inserting the following:

7 “(1) The air space over Syria is not being uti-
8 lized by the Government of Syria to target civilian
9 populations through the use of incendiary devices,
10 including barrel bombs, chemical weapons, and con-
11 ventional arms (including air-delivered missiles and
12 explosives).

13 “(2) Areas under the control of the Government
14 of Syria are no longer cut off from international aid
15 and have regular access to humanitarian assistance,
16 freedom of travel, and medical care.

17 “(3) The Government of Syria is releasing all
18 political prisoners forcibly held within the prison sys-
19 tem of the regime of Bashar al-Assad and the Gov-
20 ernment of Syria is allowing full access to prison
21 system facilities for investigations by appropriate
22 international human rights organizations.

23 “(4) The forces of the Government of Syria are
24 no longer engaged in deliberate targeting of medical
25 facilities, schools, residential areas, and community

1 gathering places, including markets, in violation of
2 international norms.”; and

3 (C) by adding after paragraph (7) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(8) The Government of Syria is taking
6 verifiable steps to combat the illicit production and
7 international illicit proliferation of Captagon.

8 “(9) The Government of Syria is not engaged
9 in the targeting or extrajudicial detention of reli-
10 gious minorities in Syria.”;

11 (2) in section 7432—

12 (A) in subsection (b)—

13 (i) in paragraph (1)—

14 (I) by striking “, for renewable
15 periods not to exceed 180 days,”; and

16 (II) by striking “with respect to
17 a foreign person”; and

18 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “and
19 every 180 days thereafter while the waiver
20 remains in effect,”; and

21 (B) in subsection (c)—

22 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “, for
23 renewable periods not to exceed 2 years,”;
24 and

1 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “and
2 every 180 days thereafter while the waiver
3 remains in effect,”; and

4 (3) in section 7438 to read as follows:

5 **“SEC. 7438. SUNSET.**

6 “This title shall cease to be effective on the earlier
7 of—

8 “(1) the date that is 30 days after the date that
9 the President reports to Congress that the Govern-
10 ment of Syria has met the criteria described in para-
11 graphs (1) through (9) of section 7431(a) for 2 con-
12 secutive years; or

13 “(2) December 31, 2029.”.

