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H. R. 8377

To authorize the Attorney General to use forfeited property for remediation purposes when the offenses underlying the forfeitures have a substantial connection to the United States efforts to counter Russian aggression in Ukraine, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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. CIVIL FORFEITURE TO REMEDIATE RUSSIAN**
4 **FEDERATION HARM IN UKRAINE.**

5 Section 981(e) of title 18, United States Code, is
6 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “or” at the
2 end;

3 (2) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting “; or”; and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(8) in consultation with the Secretary of State
8 and the Secretary of the Treasury, as remediation,
9 including by a transfer pursuant to paragraph (1),
10 when the property is forfeited arising from a viola-
11 tion, which has substantial connection to the United
12 States efforts to counter Russian aggression in
13 Ukraine, of—

14 “(A) a Federal offense involving money
15 laundering, fraud, bank fraud, wire fraud, for-
16 eign official corruption, or other related con-
17 duct;

18 “(B) any license, order, regulation, or pro-
19 hibition issued under the International Emer-
20 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et
21 seq.), if such remediation is consistent with the
22 Justice for United States Victims of State
23 Sponsored Terrorism Act (34 U.S.C. 20144 et
24 seq.);

1 “(C) the Export Control Reform Act of
2 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.) or the Arms Ex-
3 port Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.);

4 “(D) section 951, 1028, 1029, 1030, or
5 2441 of this title;

6 “(E) the Foreign Agents Registration Act
7 of 1938 (22 U.S.C. 611 et seq.); or

8 “(F) section 5335 of title 31.”.

9 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL FORFEITURE TO REMEDIATE RUSSIAN**
10 **FEDERATION HARM IN UKRAINE.**

11 The Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et
12 seq.) is amended—

13 (1) in section 413(i) (21 U.S.C. 853(i))—

14 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at
15 the end;

16 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking the pe-
17 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

18 (C) by inserting after paragraph (5) the
19 following:

20 “(6) transfer such property as remediation, as
21 set forth in section 981(e)(8) of title 18, United
22 States Code.”; and

23 (2) in section 511(e)(1) (21 U.S.C.
24 881(e)(1))—

1 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “or”
 2 at the end;

3 (B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the
 4 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

5 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (E)
 6 the following:

7 “(F) transfer such property as remedi-
 8 ation, as set forth in section 981(e)(8) of title
 9 18, United States Code.”.

10 **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY FORFEITURES TO**
 11 **REMEDiate RUSSIAN FEDERATION HARM IN**
 12 **UKRAINE.**

13 Section 9705(h)(1) of title 31, United States Code,
 14 is amended—

15 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at
 16 the end;

17 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period
 18 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

19 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
 20 lowing:

21 “(C) transfer any of the property as set
 22 forth in section 981(e)(8) of title 18, United
 23 States Code.”.

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