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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAWTHORN (for himself and Mr. GOOD of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “No Publicity for Ter-
5 rorists Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING MATERIAL SUPPORT OR RESOURCES**
2 **TO DESIGNATED FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGA-**
3 **NIZATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2339B of title 18, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
7 following new paragraph:

8 “(3) SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any social media plat-
10 form that becomes aware that certain users
11 have an account or are actively using the plat-
12 form shall remove such certain users account
13 within 24 hours of becoming aware of such cer-
14 tain users.

15 “(B) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Any
16 social media platform required to file a quar-
17 terly report under section 13 or 15(d) of the
18 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C.
19 78m; 78o(d)) shall certify in such report that
20 such social media platform is in compliance
21 with subparagraph (A).”; and

22 (2) in subsection (b)—

23 (A) in the header, by striking “CIVIL PEN-
24 ALTY” and inserting “PENALTIES”;

25 (B) by striking “Any financial institution”
26 and inserting:

1 “(1) FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—Any financial
2 institution”;

3 (C) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraph:

5 “(2) SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.—

6 “(A) CIVIL PENALTY.—Any social media
7 platform that knowingly fails to comply with
8 subsection (a)(3) shall be subject to a civil pen-
9 alty in an amount of \$50,000 per violation.

10 “(B) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—In the case of
11 any social media platform required to file a
12 quarterly report under section 13 or 15(d) of
13 the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15
14 U.S.C. 78m; 78o(d)) that fails to comply with
15 subsection (a)(3), any principal financial officer,
16 chief accounting officer, chief operating officer,
17 chief executive officer of such social media plat-
18 form and the individual who signs such report
19 who knowingly so failed to comply with sub-
20 section (a)(3) shall be fined under this title or
21 imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.”;
22 and

23 (D) in subsection (g)—

24 (i) in paragraph (5), by striking “;
25 and” and inserting a semicolon;

1 (ii) in paragraph (6), by striking the
2 period at the end and inserting “; and”;
3 and

4 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new paragraph:

6 “(7) the term ‘actively using’ includes using or
7 posting on a social media platform;

8 “(8) the term ‘certain user’ means an individual
9 designated as a specially designated national pursu-
10 ant to the designation process established by Execu-
11 tive Order 13224, titled ‘Blocking Property and Pro-
12 hibiting Transactions with Persons who Commit,
13 Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism’ pub-
14 lished on September 23, 2001;

15 “(9) the term ‘social media platform’—

16 “(A) means a website or other internet me-
17 dium, including a mobile application, that—

18 “(i) permits an individual or entity to
19 create an account or profile for the pur-
20 pose of generating, sharing, and viewing
21 user-generated content through such ac-
22 count or profile;

23 “(ii) enables one or more users to
24 generate content that can be viewed by
25 other users of the medium; and

1 “(iii) enables users to view content
2 generated by other users of the medium;
3 and

4 “(B) does not include—

5 “(i) any such website or other internet
6 medium that serves fewer than 100,000
7 users who access their account or profile at
8 least once a month;

9 “(ii) an email program, email dis-
10 tribution list, or multi-person text message
11 group;

12 “(iii) a website or other internet me-
13 dium that is primarily for the purpose of
14 internet commerce;

15 “(iv) a software application (including
16 a mobile application) used solely to com-
17 municate with others through instant mes-
18 sages, audio calls, video calls, or any com-
19 bination thereof; or

20 “(v) a website or other internet me-
21 dium the primary purpose of which is—

22 “(I) to allow users to post prod-
23 uct reviews, business reviews, or travel
24 information and reviews; or

1 “(II) to provide emergency alert
2 services.”.

3 (b) SEC REGULATIONS.—Not later than 60 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Securities
5 and Exchange Commission shall issue such rules and up-
6 date such forms as the Commission determines may be
7 necessary to carry out the certifications under paragraph
8 (3)(B) of section 2339B(a) of title 18, United States
9 Code, as added by this subsection.

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