

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5004

To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards regarding the identification of credible information regarding the origins of COVID–19, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 10, 2021

Mr. ROSE (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, and Mr. DESJARLAIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards regarding the identification of credible information regarding the origins of COVID–19, and for other purposes.

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 “Unmasking the Origins
5 of COVID–19 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR REWARD.**

2 Subsection (b) of section 36 of the State Department
3 Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2708) is amend-
4 ed—

5 (1) in paragraph (12), by striking “or” after
6 the semicolon at the end;

7 (2) in paragraph (13), by striking the period at
8 the end and inserting “; or”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(14) the identification of—

12 “(A) the origins of COVID–19;

13 “(B) any person or entity involved in the
14 coverup of the origins of COVID–19; or

15 “(C) nonpublic information related to gain
16 of function research conducted at or in connec-
17 tion with Chinese laboratories, including the
18 Wuhan Institute of Virology, with respect to
19 coronaviruses, that has been covered up by the
20 Government of the People’s Republic of China
21 or the Chinese Communist Party.”.

○