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H.R. 78

To codify the recommendations of the United States Commission on
the Revision of the United States Code

IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2024

MR. ALEX J. CABOT (for himself) introduced the following bill: which
was later referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, Government
Affairs and Ethics.

A BILL

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States in Congress as Assembled.*

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4 **SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

- 5 (a) This Act shall be cited as the “Statutory Harmony and
6 Compatibility Consistency Act of 2024” or “SHACCA”.
7 (b) Any part of any act, joint resolution, or codified law that
8 conflicts with this Act shall be considered null and void.
9 (c) This Act shall be severable, in which, if any provision of this Act
10 is found unconstitutional, the rest of the Act shall be in full
11 effect unless also found unconstitutional.
12 (d) This Act shall go into effect immediately upon passage and
13 enactment into law in a process as designated fit and lawful by
14 the laws and Constitution of the United States.

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2 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

- 3 (a) *Whereas*, the Group Management asked for a solution to the
4 incompatibility of many parts of the US Code to the application
5 of NUSA government and roleplay.
- 6 (b) *Whereas*, the US Code Revision Commission has published its
7 recommendatory findings imploring the Congress to ratify such
8 here.
- 9 (c) *Whereas*, the membership of the US Code Revision
10 Commission involves the input of some of the greatest legal
11 minds the country has to offer including the Chief Justice, the
12 Solicitor General, and two retired Associate Justices.
- 13 (d) *Resolved*, the Congress finds it is necessary to address this in a
14 way that involves democratic legitimacy whilst also respecting
15 the recommendations of legal experts to solve this issue.

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17 **SEC. 3. TRIBUNAL OF STATUTORY COMPATIBILITY; ESTABLISHMENT.**

- 18 (a) There shall be a tribunal to decide the compatibility of all US
19 Code to ROBLOX and NUSA gameplay mechanics, which shall
20 serve as an Article I court of record, known as the Tribunal of
21 Statutory Compatibility.
- 22 (b) The Tribunal of Statutory Compatibility (TSC) shall consist of
23 three (3) Compatibility Adjudicators appointed by the President
24 with the advice and consent of the Senate; one of those judges
25 shall be appointed as the Chief Compatibility Adjudicator of the
26 tribunal.
- 27 (1) The tribunal shall only adjudicate the compatibility of
28 the US Code to ROBLOX and NUSA, it shall not

1 analyse the compatibility of any other statute(s)
2 adopted thereafter (i.e., congressional statutes and
3 municipal, city and district ordinances).

4 (2) The Compatibility Adjudicators shall not be consid-
5 ered an ‘civil office’ due to the undue burden this may
6 pose in finding expert legal individuals to sit on the
7 TSC along with the low case load the tribunal will
8 have.

9 (c) Compatibility Adjudicators of the TSC shall hold office during
10 good behavior and shall sit for a term no longer than nine (9)
11 months without Senate reauthorization.

12 (1) In the case that the Senate fails to reauthorize the
13 reappointment of an adjudicator the President may
14 fill that seat with another nominee.

15 (d) The qualifications for being a compatibility adjudicator shall be
16 demonstrable evidence of legal excellence often seen through
17 the holding of high judicial office or high legal office.

18 (e) The adjudicators shall be addressed while sitting in session as
19 ‘Sir’ or ‘Madam’. They shall not be afforded any *ex officio*
20 honorific by virtue of membership unless they already possess
21 such for life.

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23 **SEC. 4. JURISDICTION AND DUTIES.**

24 (a) The tribunal shall hear all cases *en banc* and shall not create
25 individual panels.

26 (b) Following a judgement or verdict being handed down in the
27 tribunal, a party may file an appeal to the United States
28 Supreme Court based on an alleged procedural or legal error
29 which shall initiate a discretionary review process.

- 1 (1) The Supreme Court shall maintain *appellate*
2 jurisdiction over decisions made in the tribunal. The
3 Court shall either hold, remand or vacate the decision
4 from the tribunal.

5 (2) The Supreme Court is hereby *estopped* from proce-
6 eding with interlocutory appeals from the tribunal,
7 only final decisions are reviewable.

8 (3) The Supreme Court is hereby *estopped* from issuing
9 stays on the tribunal's final order pending disposition
10 of the appellate case.

11 (4) The Supreme Court shall *not* order a trial *de novo*
12 before the court unless the tribunal has failed to
13 adequately investigate properly.

14 (a) It shall be presumed that because the
15 tribunal is a competent institution, unless
16 there is a *manifest error* the tribunal be
17 presumed to have investigated properly.

18 (c) The tribunal shall have original jurisdiction over petitions that
19 submit that the application of any US Code provision produces
20 a result which would make it 'incompatible' with ROBLOX or
21 NUSA gameplay and / or roleplay mechanics.

22 (1) All petitioners shall have adequate and proper standing
23 as defined as the common law and jurisprudence before
24 bringing a claim before the tribunal.

25 (2) The tribunal shall adopt the principles of *stare decisis*
26 and treat decisions as being horizontally and vertically
27 precedential.

1 (d) Group Management may provide a certified question to the
2 tribunal to decide whether a portion of the US Code is ‘compati-
3 ble’ or not.

4 (1) The tribunal shall assess whether the question should be
5 answered on the grounds of *necessity* and other common
6 law jurisprudence.

7 (2) The tribunal shall exercise a *discretionary* review power
8 in cases like this and shall establish a legal test to ensure
9 uniform procedure for petitions of this nature.

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11 **SEC. 5. DECLARATIONS OF INCOMPATIBILITY.**

12 (a) The tribunal shall have the authority to issue a ‘Declaration of
13 Incompatibility’ against any portion of the US Code which,
14 upon appropriate and fit analysis, is seen to be incompatible
15 with ROBLOX and NUSA roleplay or gameplay mechanics.

16 (b) The effect of a ‘Declaration of Incompatibility’ (‘DOI’ or decla-
17 ration) shall be to disapply the statute(s) in question from being
18 effective.

19 (1) For all intents and purposes, the statute(s) in ques-
20 tion shall be treated as null, void, and unenforceable.

21 (c) The following shall serve as a non-exhaustive list of reasons
22 why a portion of the US Code may be declared ‘incompatible’:

23 (1) Practicability with ROBLOX or NUSA gameplay and
24 / or roleplay mechanics; or

25 (2) Compatibility with ROBLOX or NUSA gameplay
26 and / or roleplay mechanics; or

27 (3) Applicability with ROBLOX or NUSA gameplay and
28 / or roleplay mechanics; or

(4) Lack of evidence of widespread use or a lack of adequate enforcement in the ROBLOX or NUSA gameplay and / or roleplay; or

(d) The tribunal may expand beyond this non-exhaustive list as to what may constitute a section of the US Code being declared ‘incompatible’ but *must* establish a uniform test for each element it determines may affect the compatibility of the relevant provision of the US Code.

(e) All decisions of the tribunal shall be *public* and *open* – including all submissions and oral arguments made to the TSC.

SEC 6. PROCEDURES.

(a) There shall be no regulations or limitations on who may appear before the court or who may submit *amicus briefs*.

(b) The work of the tribunal shall be *inquisitorial* in nature.

(c) The tribunal shall therefore require the petitioner to submit a complaint outlining why they believe the statute to be ‘incompatible’ in an *ex parte* manner and then shall invite *amici* to submit briefs in support or against the position held by the petitioner in a period lasting no more than one (1) week.

(d) The tribunal shall then submit a questionnaire to the *amici* and claimant on any further questions posed by the adjudicators to build a proper record in case of an appeal.

(e) The Chief Compatibility Adjudicator shall establish further administrative regulations, rules and procedures that govern the proper administration and functioning of the tribunal – consistent with this Act.