

HAVANA SYNDROME ATTACKS RESPONSE ACT

Section-by-Section Summary

Sec. 1. SHORT TITLE. “Havana Syndrome Attacks Response Act”

Sec. 2. FINDINGS. Based on open source materials, details the history of clandestine attacks on U.S. personnel causing persistent brain injury.

Sec. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY. States the policy of the United States:

- to detect, deter, and punish these attacks;
- to provide assistance to harmed U.S. personnel;
- to hold responsible any persons, entities, or governments who conduct these attacks;
- to prioritize research into protective countermeasures; and
- to convey to foreign governments at the highest levels U.S. concern about these attacks.

Sec. 4. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST FOREIGN PERSONS.

Requires property blocking and visa denial sanctions against foreign persons whom the President determines knowingly directed or carried out these attacks. Includes standard exceptions for intelligence and law enforcement activities.

Sec. 5. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST FOREIGN

GOVERNMENTS. Within 60 days after receiving persuasive information that a foreign government is responsible for such attacks, requires the President to determine and report to Congress. If the President determines that a foreign government has conducted such attacks, requires the imposition of certain sanctions against that government:

- Prohibition on U.S. foreign assistance (other than urgent humanitarian assistance);
- Restrictions on commercial exports of certain items subject to U.S. export controls;
- Prohibition on arms sales and munitions export licenses;
- Prohibition on Foreign Military Financing; and
- Denial of U.S. credit and financial assistance.

Sec. 6. BRIEFING AND REPORT TO CONGRESS. Requires a briefing (within 60 days) and report (within 180 days) to Congress on these attacks and U.S. responses.