



## H.R. 4914, HAVANA SYNDROME ATTACKS RESPONSE ACT

Section-by-section summary as adopted by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 10/21/2021

**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.** Authorizes 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, authorizes 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.

**Sec. 7. SENSE OF CONGRESS** on the need to prioritize and coordinate investigation and response, including with allied and partner governments.