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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M__. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Preventing the Escalation of Armed Conflict in Europe Act of 2025'' or the ''PEACE Act of 2025''.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) During the night of March 6-7, 2025, only one week after the President called for peace between Russia and Ukraine, the Russian military bombarded Ukrainian energy infrastructure and civilian residences.

(2) DTEK, a Ukrainian gas producer, noted that the assault represented the sixth Russian attack on its Odesa facilities in just the preceding two and a half weeks.

(3) On March 7, 2025, the President published the following statement: ''Based on the fact that Russia is absolutely 'pounding' Ukraine on the battlefield right now, I am strongly considering large scale Banking Sanctions, Sanctions, and Tariffs on Russia until a Cease Fire and FINAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ON PEACE IS REACHED. To Russia and Ukraine, get to the table right now, before it is too late.''.

SEC. 3. SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe regulations to prohibit, or impose strict conditions on, the opening or maintaining in the United States of a correspondent account or a payable-through account by a foreign financial institution that knowingly provides significant financial services to—

(1) any foreign person designated for the imposition of sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation under—

(A) Executive Orders 13660, 13661, 13662, 13685, or 14024; or

(B) title II of the Countering America's Adversaries through Sanctions Act (Public Law 114–44) or an amendment made by that title;

(2) a foreign financial institution subject to the prohibitions of Directive 2 under Executive Order 14024;

(3) an entity listed in Annex 1 of Directive 3 under Executive Order 14024; or

(4) any foreign person that the Secretary finds operates in the energy sector of the Russian Federation.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

(1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may exercise all authorities provided under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out this section.

(2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of this section or any regulation, license, or order issued to carry out this section shall be subject to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a) of that section.

SEC. 4. WAIVER.

With respect to a foreign financial institution, the President may waive the requirements of section 3(a) for not more than 90 days at a time upon reporting to Congress that—

(1) the waiver advances the objective of resolving the national emergency described in any Executive Order listed under section 3(a)(1); or

(2) the waiver is important to the national interest of the United States, provided that the Presi-

dent includes a detailed explanation of the reasons therefor.

SEC. 5. TERMINATION.

This Act shall have no force or effect on the earlier of—

(1) 30 days after the date that the President reports to Congress that the Russian Federation has ceased destabilizing activities with respect to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine; or

(2) the date that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.