

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Justice for United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act to use funds in the lump sum catch-up payment reserve fund to make payments to Iran hostages and their families.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WARNOCK (for himself and Mr. VANCE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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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 “Justice for Former
5 American Hostages in Iran Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. JUSTICE FOR UNITED STATES VICTIMS OF STATE**
2 **SPONSORED TERRORISM.**

3 Subsection (d)(4)(D)(iv)(IV) of the Justice for
4 United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act
5 (34 U.S.C. 20144(d)(4)(D)(iv)(IV)) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating item (bb) as item (dd);

7 (2) by inserting after item (aa) the following:

8 “(bb) IRAN HOSTAGES.—

9 There are authorized to be ap-
10 propriated and there are appro-
11 priated to the Fund such sums
12 as are necessary to make full and
13 complete payments for amounts
14 outstanding and unpaid on
15 claims under subparagraphs (B)
16 and (C) of subsection (c)(2),
17 which shall be paid by the Fund
18 on the claims not later than 30
19 days after the date of enactment
20 of this item.

21 “(cc) LIMITATION.—

22 Amounts appropriated pursuant
23 to item (bb) may not be used for
24 a purpose other than to make
25 payments under this clause.”;

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- 1 (3) in item (cc), as so redesignated, by inserting
- 2 “item (bb) or” before “subclauses”; and
- 3 (4) in item (aa), by striking “dispersed” and in-
- 4 serting “disburses”.