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To rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COONS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. FRANKEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To rename the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking of the Department of State the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and to provide for an Assistant Secretary to head such Bureau, and for other purposes.

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. REDESIGNATION OF OFFICE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 105(e) of the Trafficking
5 Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7103(e)) is
6 amended—

1 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “OF-
2 FICE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING” and
3 inserting “BUREAU TO MONITOR AND COMBAT
4 TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS”;

5 (2) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “Of-
7 fice to Monitor and Combat Trafficking” and
8 inserting “Bureau to Monitor and Combat
9 Trafficking in Persons”;

10 (B) in the second sentence, by striking
11 “Office” and inserting “Bureau”; and

12 (C) in the sixth sentence, by striking “Of-
13 fice” and inserting “Bureau”; and

14 (3) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “Office to
15 Monitor and Combat Trafficking” and inserting
16 “Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Per-
17 sons”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section
19 112A(b)(3) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of
20 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7109a(b)(3)) is amended by striking
21 “Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking” and inserting
22 “Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons”.

23 (2) Section 113(a) of the Trafficking Victims Protec-
24 tion Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7110(a)) is amended by strik-
25 ing “Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking” and in-

1 serring “Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in
2 Persons”.

3 (3) Section 105 of the Trafficking Victims Protection
4 Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7112) is amended—

5 (A) by striking “Office to Monitor and Combat
6 Trafficking” both places it appears and inserting
7 “Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Per-
8 sons”; and

9 (B) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “focus of
10 the Office” and inserting “focus of the Bureau”.

11 (4) Section 708(a) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980
12 (22 U.S.C. 4028(a)) is amended by striking “Office to
13 Monitor and Combat Trafficking” and inserting “Bureau
14 to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons”.

15 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE BUREAU TO MON-**
16 **ITOR AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PER-**
17 **SONS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 105(e) of the Trafficking
19 Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7103(e)), as
20 amended by section 1(a), is further amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (1)—

22 (A) by striking “Director” each place it
23 appears and inserting “Assistant Secretary”;
24 and

1 (B) by striking “, with the rank of Amba-
2 sador-at-Large”; and

3 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “Director”
4 both places it appears and inserting “Assistant Sec-
5 retary”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section
7 112A(b)(3) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of
8 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7109a(b)(3)), as amended by section
9 1(b)(1), is further amended by striking “Director” and in-
10 serting “Assistant Secretary”.

11 (2) Section 105(a)(2) of the Trafficking Victims Pro-
12 tection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7112(a)(2)), as amended
13 by section 1(b)(3), is further amended by striking “Direc-
14 tor” and inserting “Assistant Secretary”.

15 (3) Section 708(a) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980
16 (22 U.S.C. 4028(a)), as amended by section 1(b)(4), is
17 further amended by striking “Director” and inserting
18 “Assistant Secretary”.

19 (c) INCREASE IN AUTHORIZED ASSISTANT SEC-
20 RETARY POSITIONS.—(1) Section 1(c)(1) of the State De-
21 partment Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C.
22 2651a(c)(1)) is amended by striking “not more than 24
23 Assistant Secretaries” and inserting “not more than 25
24 Assistant Secretaries”.

1 (2) Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is
2 amended by striking “Assistant Secretaries of State (24)”
3 and inserting “Assistant Secretaries of State (25)”.

4 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

5 (a) OFFICE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAF-
6 FICKING.—Any reference to the Office to Monitor and
7 Combat Trafficking in any law, regulation, map, docu-
8 ment, record, or other paper of the United States shall
9 be deemed to be a reference to the Bureau to Monitor
10 and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

11 (b) ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE BUREAU TO
12 MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.—Any
13 reference to the Director of the Office to Monitor and
14 Combat Trafficking in any law, regulation, map, docu-
15 ment, record, or other paper of the United States shall
16 be deemed to be a reference to the Assistant Secretary
17 of the Bureau to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Per-
18 sons.

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