

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To reauthorize the Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014,  
and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. HAGERTY, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced  
the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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Society Act of 2014, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Venezuela Defense of  
5 Human Rights and Civil Society Reauthorization Act of  
6 2023”.

7 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF SANCTIONS IMPOSED WITH RE-**  
8 **SPECT TO VENEZUELA.**

9 (a) **RUSSIAN-VENEZUELAN THREAT MITIGATION**  
10 **ACT.**—Section 165(e)(6) of the Russian-Venezuelan

1 Threat Mitigation Act (22 U.S.C. 9753(c)(6)) is amended  
2 by striking “the date that is 1 year after the date of the  
3 enactment of this Act” and inserting “December 31,  
4 2025”.

5 (b) VENEZUELAN ARMS RESTRICTION ACT.—Section  
6 166(e) of the Venezuelan Arms Restriction Act (22 U.S.C.  
7 9754(e)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and insert-  
8 ing the following new paragraph:

9 “(1) December 31, 2025; or”.

10 (c) VERDAD ACT OF 2019.—Section 183(b) of the  
11 Venezuela Emergency Relief, Democracy Assistance, and  
12 Development Act of 2019 (22 U.S.C. 9763) is amended  
13 by striking “2023” and inserting “2025”.

14 (d) VENEZUELA DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
15 CIVIL SOCIETY ACT OF 2014.—Section 5(e) of the Ven-  
16 ezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of  
17 2014 (Public Law 113– 278; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is  
18 amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2025”.