

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6577

To amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to require the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to appoint amicus curiae assist such court in the consideration of each application for an order or review under title I of that Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 4, 2023

Mr. LIEU (for himself and Mr. BUCK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Protecting Americans
5 from Unauthorized Surveillance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SUR-**
2 **VEILLANCE COURT TO APPOINT AMICUS CU-**
3 **RIAE.**

4 Section 103(i) of the Foreign Intelligence Surveil-
5 lance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1803(i)) is amended—

6 (1) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
7 lows:

8 “(2) REQUIREMENT.—A court established
9 under subsection (a) or (b), consistent with the re-
10 quirement of subsection (c) and any other statutory
11 requirement that the court act expeditiously or with-
12 in a stated time, shall appoint an individual who has
13 been designated under paragraph (1) to serve as
14 amicus curiae to assist such court in the consider-
15 ation of each application for an order or review
16 under this title.”;

17 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “If a court es-
18 tablished under subsection (a) or (b) appoints an
19 amicus curiae under paragraph (2)(A)” and insert-
20 ing “An amicus curiae appointed under paragraph
21 (2)(A)”;

22 (3) in paragraph (6)(A), by striking “If a court
23 established under subsection (a) or (b) appoints an
24 amicus curiae under paragraph (2), the amicus cu-
25 riae” and inserting “An amicus curiae appointed
26 under paragraph (2)(A)”;

1 (4) by repealing paragraph (7).

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