

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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To extend the statute of limitations for offenses relating to pandemic-era programs to be 10 years.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LANKFORD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Fraudulent Covid  
5 Funds Recovery Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR OFFENSES RELAT-**  
7 **ING TO PANDEMIC-ERA PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

9 (1) the term “pandemic-era law” means—

1 (A) the Coronavirus Preparedness and Re-  
2 sponse Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020  
3 (Public Law 116–123; 134 Stat. 146);

4 (B) the Families First Coronavirus Re-  
5 sponse Act (Public Law 116–127; 134 Stat.  
6 177);

7 (C) the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136;  
8 134 Stat. 281);

9 (D) the Paycheck Protection Program and  
10 Health Care Enhancement Act (Public Law  
11 116–139; 134 Stat. 620);

12 (E) divisions M and N of the Consolidated  
13 Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–  
14 260; 134 Stat. 1182);

15 (F) the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
16 (Public Law 117–2; 135 Stat. 4); or

17 (G) an amendment made by a law de-  
18 scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (F); and

19 (2) the term “pandemic-era program offense”  
20 means an offense involving conduct that relates to or  
21 involves—

22 (A) a program, project, or activity that  
23 was authorized or established by, or was carried  
24 out under, a pandemic-era law; or

1                   (B) funding provided under a pandemic-  
2                   era law.

3           (b) EXTENSION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—No  
4 person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for any pan-  
5 demic-era offense unless the indictment is found or the  
6 information is instituted—

7                   (1) notwithstanding section 3282(a) of title 18,  
8           United States Code, within 10 years after such of-  
9           fense shall have been committed; or

10                   (2) within such longer period of years after  
11           such offense shall have been committed as is other-  
12           wise provided by law.