

**IRAN Act (H.R.7380) vs. Iran Human Rights, Internet Freedom, & Accountability Act (H.R.7622 / S.3009)**

Quick-reference comparison. Focuses only on internet-freedom provisions (IRAN Act vs. Section 3 of the Iran Human Rights, Internet Freedom, and Accountability Act).

| Decision Area                                  | IRAN Act                                                                                                              | H.R.7622 / S.3009                                                                                           | Takeaway                                                                                    |
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| Primary Policy Model                           | State-led coordination, regulatory safeguards, and civil-society cybersecurity programs.                              | Engineering assessments, grant-program expansion, and DoD technology development pipeline.                  | IRAN Act = coordination + protection; H.R.7622 /S.3009 = development + scaling.             |
| Federal Lead Structure                         | Designates Secretary of State as permanent coordinator of Iran internet-freedom strategy.                             | Works through NDAA §5124 program expansion plus Defense Innovation Unit role.                               | IRAN Act centralizes policy leadership; H.R.7622/S.3009 expands program execution channels. |
| Satellite / Direct-to-Cell Coverage Protection | FCC licensing condition discourages intentional geo-blocking or degradation; international telecom advocacy required. | No comparable regulatory safeguard included.                                                                | Coverage protection is UNIQUE to IRAN Act.                                                  |
| Civil-Society Cybersecurity Support            | Requires training, vetted tools (VPN/encrypted platforms), and digital-safety materials.                              | No parallel civil-society training authority in this section.                                               | User-protection programming is UNIQUE to IRAN Act.                                          |
| Technical Feasibility & Threat Analysis        | Requires strategy updates including blackout-circumvention planning.                                                  | Mandates detailed engineering assessments: DTC feasibility, telecom ownership mapping, jamming/drone risks. | Deep technical analysis emphasis is STRONGER in H.R.7622 / S.3009.                          |
| Technology Development Authority               | No direct R&D or pilot mandate.                                                                                       | Defense Innovation Unit must develop, test, and pilot deployable shutdown-circumvention technologies.       | Deployment pipeline is UNIQUE to H.R.7622 /S.3009.                                          |
| Grant / Funding Horizon                        | Targeted funding for cybersecurity and communications capacity programs (shorter authorization window).               | Extends internet-freedom grant authorization through FY2027–2030 and adds DIU funding.                      | H.R.7622/S.3009 expands duration and scale of program funding.                              |
| Oversight & Reporting                          | Requires strategy updates, program metrics, and evaluations.                                                          | Requires updated NDAA reporting plus recurring development progress reports.                                | Both increase oversight via different mechanisms.                                           |

The IRAN Act focuses on establishing durable federal coordination, protecting satellite and direct-to-cell coverage through regulatory safeguards, and directly supporting Iranian civil society. The Iran Human Rights, Internet Freedom, and Accountability Act (internet provisions) expand on the technical analysis requirements, extend the internet-freedom grant program, and create a Defense Department pipeline to develop and deploy shutdown-circumvention technologies.