

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118-36
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At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 17__ . MODERNIZING THE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OF**
2 **THE PHILIPPINES.**

3 (a) USE OF AUTHORITIES.—The Secretary of State,
4 in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall use
5 the authorities under this section—

6 (1) to strengthen the United States-Philippines
7 alliance; and

8 (2) to support the acceleration of the mod-
9 ernization of the defense capabilities of the Phil-
10 ippines.

11 (b) PURPOSE.—In addition to the purposes otherwise
12 authorized for Foreign Military Financing programs
13 under the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et
14 seq.), a purpose of such programs shall be to provide as-
15 sistance, including equipment, training, and other support,
16 to modernize the defense capabilities of the Armed Forces
17 of the Philippines—

18 (1) to safeguard the territorial sovereignty of
19 the Philippines;

1 (2) to improve maritime domain awareness;

2 (3) to counter coercive military activities;

3 (4) to improve the military and civilian infra-
4 structure and capabilities necessary to prepare for
5 regional contingencies; and

6 (5) to strengthen cooperation between the
7 United States and the Philippines on counterter-
8 rorism-related efforts.

9 (c) ANNUAL SPENDING PLAN.—Not later than
10 March 1, 2026, and annually thereafter for a period of
11 5 years, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the
12 Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate con-
13 gressional committees a plan describing how amounts au-
14 thorized to be appropriated pursuant to subsection (e), if
15 made available, would be used to achieve the purpose de-
16 scribed in subsection (b).

17 (d) ANNUAL REPORT ON ENHANCING THE UNITED
18 STATES-PHILIPPINES DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP.—

19 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
21 thereafter for a period of 7 years, the Secretary of
22 State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense,
23 and in consultation with such other heads of Federal
24 departments and agencies as the Secretary of State
25 considers appropriate, shall submit to the appro-

1 appropriate congressional committees a report that de-
2 scribes steps taken to enhance the United States-
3 Philippines defense relationship.

4 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Each report
5 required under paragraph (1) shall include the fol-
6 lowing:

7 (A) A description of the capabilities needed
8 to modernize the defense capabilities of the
9 Philippines, including with respect to—

10 (i) coastal defense;

11 (ii) long-range fires;

12 (iii) integrated air defenses;

13 (iv) maritime security;

14 (v) manned and unmanned aerial sys-
15 tems;

16 (vi) mechanized ground mobility vehi-
17 cles;

18 (vii) intelligence, surveillance, and re-
19 connaissance;

20 (viii) defensive cybersecurity; and

21 (ix) any other defense capabilities that
22 the Secretary of State determines, includ-
23 ing jointly with the Philippines, are crucial
24 to the defense of the Philippines.

1 (B) A description of additional statutory
2 authorities and funding levels required to pro-
3 vide support for and cooperation with the Phil-
4 ippines on the capabilities described in subpara-
5 graph (A).

6 (3) FORM.—Each report required under para-
7 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
8 but may contain a classified annex.

9 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
10 tion to amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated
11 for Foreign Military Financing, there is authorized to be
12 appropriated to the Department of State for Foreign Mili-
13 tary Financing grant assistance for the Philippines
14 \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2030.

15 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts authorized to
16 be appropriated pursuant to subsection (e), the Secretary
17 of State shall obligate and expend not less than \$500,000
18 each fiscal year for one or more blanket order agreements
19 for Foreign Military Financing training programs related
20 to the defense needs of the Philippines.

21 (g) SUNSET PROVISION.—Assistance may not be pro-
22 vided under this section after September 30, 2031.

23 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
5 the Committee on Armed Services, and the
6 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;
7 and

8 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
9 Committee on Armed Services, and the Com-
10 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives.

12 (2) BLANKET ORDER AGREEMENT.—The term
13 “blanket order agreement” means an agreement be-
14 tween a foreign customer and the United State Gov-
15 ernment for a specific category of items or services
16 (including training) that—

17 (A) does not include a definitive list of
18 items or quantities; and

19 (B) specifies a dollar ceiling against which
20 orders may be placed.

