AMENDMENT TO

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At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following:

SEC. 10. ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF LOW-COST ANTI-SHIP WEAPONS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Defense shall direct the Commander of United States Indo-Pacific Command to carry out the assessment described in subsection (b) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act. This assessment will be completed in coordination with the service chiefs associated with the systems specified in subsection (b)(1), to assess the feasibility, effectiveness, and value of developing low-cost anti-ship weapons to help prevent or deter conflict in the Indo-Pacific.

(b) Assessment Described.—The assessment described in this subsection includes the following:

(1) A determination of the appropriate balance of air, ground, and maritime long range highly survivable anti-ship cruise missiles (including the Long Range Anti-Ship Missile and Maritime Strike Tomahawk).
hawk), ground-based short range highly survivable cruise missiles (including the Harpoon, Joint Strike Missile, and Naval Strike Missile), and potential lower-cost, less-capable anti-ship weapons to identify operational challenges that—

(A) addresses the large number of unarmed or less technologically sophisticated or survivable maritime craft that will likely be utilized to support a large-scale amphibious assault; and

(B) assesses the ability of the United States to achieve sufficient munitions capacity with the existing inventory of weapons systems options.

(2) An identification of any appropriate weapon system programs that could be developed or manipulated to achieve a lower cost, effective anti-ship weapon system for use against less technologically sophisticated or survivable maritime targets, and examine how to—

(A) leverage the innovative weapons development that the services and the private sector industry have undertaken to address unique challenges in providing weapons systems, training, and other support to Ukraine;
(B) utilize existing programs and systems to minimize delivery time and development costs; and

(C) insulate or mitigate the effect on munitions supply chains that are already under duress.

(3) An identification of support exercises and other initiatives to highlight and refine low-cost anti-ship weapons development.

(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees on the assessment described in subsection (b).