

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

1 **SEC. 12 . LIMITATION ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO THE**
2 **LEBANESE ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—No funds authorized to be appro-
4 priated by this Act may be obligated or expended for secu-
5 rity assistance to the Lebanese Armed Forces unless the
6 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary
7 of State, certifies to the appropriate congressional commit-
8 tees the following:

9 (1) The Government of Lebanon is actively
10 combating corruption within the Lebanese Armed
11 Forces, including financial mismanagement, embez-
12 zlement, and misuse of equipment or resources.

13 (2) The Lebanese Armed Forces is taking tan-
14 gible, significant steps measurable steps to disarm
15 and dismantle all non-state armed groups operating
16 within Lebanese territory, including Hezbollah, and
17 preventing their rearmament in accordance with
18 United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701.

1 (3) The Lebanese Armed Forces is trans-
2 parently disclosing its budgetary allocations, expend-
3 itures, and procurement processes, and subjecting
4 them to independent audits.

5 (4) The Lebanese Armed Forces is actively par-
6 ticipating in and supporting efforts to counter ter-
7 rorism and narcotics trafficking, including pre-
8 venting the flow of all types and amounts of arms
9 and related materiel to and from Hezbollah and
10 other Iranian-supported organizations.

11 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
12 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
13 a period not to exceed 5 years, the Secretary of Defense,
14 in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall submit
15 to the appropriate congressional committees on an annual
16 basis a report detailing the extent to which the conditions
17 in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of subsection (a) have
18 been met. The report shall include an assessment of the
19 Lebanese Armed Forces' compliance with human rights
20 standards and efforts to prevent the transfer of weapons
21 to non-state actors.

22 (c) TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE.—If the Secretary
23 of Defense determines at any time that the Lebanese
24 Armed Forces has failed to meet the conditions in para-
25 graphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of subsection (a), security

1 assistance to the Lebanese Armed Forces shall be sus-
2 pended until the Secretary certifies that such conditions
3 have been met.

4 (d) EXCEPTION.—Nothing in this section shall pro-
5 hibit humanitarian assistance, training programs aimed at
6 promoting respect for human rights and the rule of law,
7 or other forms of non-lethal aid to the people of Lebanon.

8 (e) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense, with the
9 concurrence of the Secretary of State, may waive the limi-
10 tations in subsection (a) on a case-by-case basis if the Sec-
11 retary of Defense determines and certifies to the appro-
12 priate congressional committees that the granting of the
13 waiver is vital to the national security interests of the
14 United States.

15 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

16 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
17 mittees” means—

18 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
19 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
20 of Representatives; and

21 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
22 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
23 ate; and

24 (2) the term “security assistance” includes—

1 (A) the provision of military equipment,
2 training, technical assistance, and financial sup-
3 port; and

4 (B) any activity authorized under section
5 333 of title 10, United States Code.

