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OFFERED BY MR. KEATING OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 12. CLARIFICATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT.

(a) Responsibilities of Principal Information Operations Advisor of the DoD.—Paragraph (4) of section 397(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(4) Coordination with relevant diplomatic missions and bureaus of the Department of State in accordance with section 1631 (b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, and with the Global Engagement Center to support the purpose of the Center (as set forth by section 1287(a)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note)), as well as with other relevant Federal departments and agencies.”.

(b) Authorities of the Secretary of Defense.—Subsection (b) of section 1631 of the National
Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(3) Military operations described in this subsection that are conducted outside an area in which the Armed Forces have been introduced into ongoing hostilities shall be coordinated with the chief of mission for each country in which a targeted audience can be reasonably expected to be affected and the concurrence of the chief of mission shall be required as a prerequisite to execution of operations in such areas, except—

“(A) when otherwise directed by the Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State; or

“(B) in the case of an operation that is to be executed in multiple countries such that coordination with all relevant chiefs of mission is impractical or in countries in which no United States diplomatic mission exists, when conducted with the concurrence of the Secretary of State and in coordination with relevant Department of State regional bureaus and other relevant Federal departments and agencies.

“(4) With respect to the military operations described in this subsection, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall—
“(A) designate a point of contact in each relevant combatant command and bureau, respectively, and establish consistent processes for exchanging information related to concurrence and coordination regarding such operations so as to obtain timely concurrence; and

“(B) seek to jointly formulate such operations to help ensure timely concurrence where appropriate.”.