

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17**____. **ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY POWER AND IL-**
2 **LICIT ACTIVITIES OF CERTAIN DRUG CAR-**
3 **TELS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
6 until the date specified in subsection (f), the Secretary of
7 Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the
8 Director of National Intelligence, and the Attorney Gen-
9 eral, shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
10 mittees a report on the military power and illicit activities
11 of the cartels specified in subsection (b). Each such report
12 shall include each of the following:

13 (1) A detailed assessment of the organizational
14 structure, leadership hierarchy, and key operational
15 figures of each cartel, including, with respect to any
16 individuals affiliated with the cartel, the roles of

1 such individuals in conducting military and para-
2 military activities.

3 (2) An evaluation of the military and para-
4 military capabilities of each cartel, including the
5 size, structure, and sophistication of the armed
6 forces or militias of the cartel, including—

7 (A) a description of the types and quan-
8 tities of weapons, equipment, and technology
9 (including drones, encrypted communications,
10 and advanced surveillance systems) used by the
11 cartel; and

12 (B) an assessment of the recruitment,
13 training, and operational tactics of the cartel,
14 including an identification of any cross-border
15 operations and coordination with other criminal
16 or terrorist organizations.

17 (3) A description of the geographic areas, both
18 within the United States and internationally, where
19 the cartels operate or exert control of territory or in-
20 fluence, including the control of such cartels over
21 border regions and smuggling routes.

22 (4) An assessment of the direct and indirect
23 threats posed by the cartels to the national security
24 of the United States and its allies.

1 (5) An assessment of efforts to address the
2 threats posed by the military power of cartels by the
3 governments of countries identified as major drug
4 transit or major illicit drug producing countries pur-
5 suant to section 706(1) of the Foreign Relations Au-
6 thorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-
7 228).

8 (6) A summary of current efforts by the Armed
9 Forces, law enforcement, and intelligence community
10 of the United States to counter the activities of the
11 cartels, including interagency coordination and co-
12 operation with foreign governments.

13 (7) Recommendations for additional authorities,
14 resources, or strategies to enhance the efforts of the
15 United States to disrupt and dismantle the military
16 capabilities of the cartels.

17 (b) SPECIFIED CARTELS.—A cartel specified in this
18 subsection is any organization or entity that is engaged
19 in the production or trafficking of narcotics and that—

20 (1) the Secretary of State has designated as a
21 foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section
22 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
23 U.S.C. 1189);

24 (2) is subject to sanctions under Executive
25 Order 13224 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note, relating to

1 blocking property and prohibiting transactions with
2 persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support
3 terrorism);

4 (3) is subject to sanctions under Executive
5 Order 14059 (relating to imposing sanctions on for-
6 eign persons involved in the global illicit drug trade);
7 or

8 (4) is determined to be a transnational criminal
9 organization pursuant to the Fentanyl Eradication
10 and Narcotics Deterrence Act (division E of Public
11 Law 118–50; 21 U.S.C. 2341 note).

12 (c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required under
13 subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
14 may include a classified annex.

15 (d) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The unclassified portion
16 of the report required under subsection (a) shall be made
17 publicly available on a website of the Department of De-
18 fense.

19 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
20 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
21 sional committees” means—

22 (1) the congressional defense committees;

23 (2) the congressional intelligence committees;

24 (3) the Committee on Transportation and In-
25 frastructure, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and

1 the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of
2 Representatives; and

3 (4) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
4 Transportation, the Committee on Foreign Rela-
5 tions, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the
6 Senate.

7 (f) DATE SPECIFIED.—The date specified in this sub-
8 section is December 31, 2030.

