

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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

1 **SEC. 12__ . AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND**
2 **TRAINING TO INCREASE MARITIME SECURITY**
3 **AND DOMAIN AWARENESS OF FOREIGN**
4 **COUNTRIES BORDERING THE PERSIAN GULF,**
5 **ARABIAN SEA, OR MEDITERRANEAN SEA.**

6 (a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this section is to au-
7 thorize assistance and training to increase maritime secu-
8 rity and domain awareness of foreign countries bordering
9 the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, or the Mediterranean
10 Sea in order to deter and counter illicit smuggling and
11 related maritime activity by Iran, including illicit Iranian
12 weapons shipments.

13 (b) **AUTHORITY.**—

14 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—To carry out the purposes
15 described in subsection (a), the Secretary of De-
16 fense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of
17 State, is authorized—

1 (A) to provide training to the national mili-
2 tary or other security forces of Israel, Bahrain,
3 Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates,
4 Oman, Kuwait, and Qatar that have among
5 their functional responsibilities maritime secu-
6 rity missions; and

7 (B) to provide training to ministry, agency,
8 and headquarters level organizations for such
9 forces.

10 (2) DESIGNATION.—The provision of assistance
11 and training under this section may be referred to
12 as the “Counter Iran Maritime Initiative”.

13 (c) TYPES OF TRAINING.—

14 (1) AUTHORIZED ELEMENTS OF TRAINING.—
15 Training provided under subsection (b)(1)(A) may
16 include the provision of de minimis equipment, sup-
17 plies, and small-scale military construction.

18 (2) REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF TRAINING.—
19 Training provided under subsection (b) shall include
20 elements that promote the following:

21 (A) Observance of and respect for human
22 rights and fundamental freedoms.

23 (B) Respect for legitimate civilian author-
24 ity within the country to which the assistance
25 is provided.

1 (d) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of the amount au-
2 thorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2018 and avail-
3 able for operation and maintenance for Defense-wide ac-
4 tivities, \$50,000,000 shall be available only for the provi-
5 sion of assistance and training under subsection (b).

6 (e) COST SHARING.—

7 (1) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
8 Congress that, given income parity among recipient
9 countries, the Secretary of Defense, with the concur-
10 rence of the Secretary of State, should seek, through
11 appropriate bilateral and multilateral arrangements,
12 payments sufficient in amount to offset any training
13 costs associated with implementation of subsection
14 (b).

15 (2) COST-SHARING AGREEMENT.—The Sec-
16 retary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Sec-
17 retary of State, shall negotiate a cost-sharing agree-
18 ment with a recipient country regarding the cost of
19 any training provided pursuant to subsection (b).
20 The agreement shall set forth the terms of cost
21 sharing that the Secretary of Defense determines
22 are necessary and appropriate, but such terms shall
23 not be less than 50 percent of the overall cost of the
24 training.

1 (3) CREDIT TO APPROPRIATIONS.—The portion
2 of such cost sharing received by the Secretary of De-
3 fense pursuant to this subsection may be credited to-
4 wards appropriations available for operation and
5 maintenance for Defense-wide activities.

6 (f) NOTICE TO CONGRESS ON TRAINING.—Not later
7 than 15 days before exercising the authority under sub-
8 section (b) with respect to a recipient country, the Sec-
9 retary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congres-
10 sional committees a notification containing the following:

11 (1) An identification of the recipient country.

12 (2) A detailed justification of the program for
13 the provision of the training concerned, and its rela-
14 tionship to United States security interests.

15 (3) The budget for the program, including a
16 timetable of planned expenditures of funds to imple-
17 ment the program, an implementation timeline for
18 the program with milestones (including anticipated
19 delivery schedules for any assistance and training
20 under the program), the military department or
21 component responsible for management of the pro-
22 gram, and the anticipated completion date for the
23 program.

24 (4) A description of the arrangements, if any,
25 to support recipient country sustainment of any ca-

1 pability developed pursuant to the program, and the
2 source of funds to support sustainment efforts and
3 performance outcomes to be achieved under the pro-
4 gram beyond its completion date, if applicable.

5 (5) A description of the program objectives and
6 an assessment framework to be used to develop ca-
7 pability and performance metrics associated with
8 operational outcomes for the recipient force.

9 (6) Such other matters as the Secretary con-
10 siders appropriate.

11 (g) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
12 priate congressional committees” means—

13 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
14 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee
15 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;
16 and

17 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
18 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
19 on Appropriations of the Senate.

20 (h) TERMINATION.—Assistance and training may not
21 be provided under this section after September 30, 2021.

