

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12___ . INDO-PACIFIC TRILATERAL PRODUCTION**
2 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense, in co-
4 ordination with the Secretary of State and the Com-
5 mander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, shall
6 seek to carry out with Taiwan and the Philippines a pilot
7 program (in this section referred to as the “Program”)
8 to facilitate the trilateral production of unmanned aircraft
9 systems and counter-UAS systems.

10 (b) **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.**—In carrying out the Pro-
11 gram, the Secretary of Defense may, with respect to un-
12 manned aircraft systems and counter-UAS systems (in-
13 cluding related subsystems and components)—

14 (1) enter into production, development, and as-
15 sembly agreements with Taiwan and the Philippines;

16 (2) establish, expand, and support production
17 and assembly capacity in the United States and al-
18 lied partner territories;

1 (3) provide manufacturing equipment, tooling,
2 technical data packages, and integration support
3 necessary to establish or expand production capacity,
4 including support for manufacturing, assembly, and
5 testing;

6 (4) utilize flexible contracting authorities, in-
7 cluding authority under section 4021 or 4022 of title
8 10, United States Code;

9 (5) enter into advance purchase commitments
10 or similar demand assurance mechanisms to support
11 production scale-up; and

12 (6) leverage available authorities, including for-
13 eign military financing, to support production and
14 procurement activities.

15 (c) PRIORITIES.—In carrying out the Program, the
16 Secretary of Defense shall prioritize—

17 (1) attritable unmanned aircraft systems cat-
18 egorized as Group 1, Group 2, or Group 3 pursuant
19 to the Joint Publication 3–30 of the Department of
20 Defense, titled “Joint Air Operations” and dated
21 July 25, 2019 (or any successor publication);

22 (2) counter-UAS system capabilities, including
23 sensors, detection systems, and intercept systems;

24 (3) critical enabling components of unmanned
25 aircraft systems and counter-UAS systems, including

1 semiconductors, sensors, communications modules,
2 and other subsystems necessary to support scalable
3 production; and

4 (4) the establishment of distributed and resil-
5 ient production capacity in allied and partner terri-
6 tories, including—

7 (A) the development of production sites in
8 the Philippines and other strategically relevant
9 locations; and

10 (B) the diversification of manufacturing
11 nodes to support surge capacity, redundancy,
12 and operational resilience.

13 (d) OPERATIONAL ALIGNMENT.—The Secretary of
14 Defense shall coordinate with the Commander of the
15 United States Indo-Pacific Command to ensure that ac-
16 tivities under the Program—

17 (1) align with validated operational require-
18 ments;

19 (2) support distributed operations and con-
20 tested logistics concepts; and

21 (3) prioritize capabilities relevant to potential
22 regional contingencies.

23 (e) IDENTIFICATION AND MITIGATION OF BAR-
24 RIERS.—In carrying out the Program, the Secretary of
25 Defense shall—

1 (1) identify barriers to production under the
2 Program, including—

3 (A) export control and licensing con-
4 straints;

5 (B) contracting and acquisition limitations;

6 (C) infrastructure and industrial base ca-
7 pacity constraints; and

8 (D) workforce availability and training
9 challenges; and

10 (2) take appropriate actions to mitigate such
11 barriers.

12 (f) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-
14 after until the date specified in subsection (h), the Sec-
15 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
16 committees a report that, with respect to the Program—

17 (1) identifies priority systems, components, and
18 production targets;

19 (2) describes selected and planned production
20 sites, including the location of each such site;

21 (3) assesses production capacity and projected
22 output;

23 (4) evaluates alignment with operational re-
24 quirements of the United States Indo-Pacific Com-
25 mand;

1 (5) identifies barriers encountered and actions
2 taken to mitigate such barriers; and

3 (6) provides recommendations for expansion,
4 modification, or permanent authorization.

5 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms
6 “counter-UAS system” and “unmanned aircraft system”
7 have the meanings given such terms in section 44801 of
8 title 49, United States Code.

9 (h) TERMINATION.—The Program shall terminate on
10 September 30, 2030.

