

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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At the end of title XIII, add the following:

1       **Subtitle \_\_\_\_\_—United States —**  
2       **Moldova Defense Partnership Act**

3       **SEC. \_\_\_\_ 01. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4       It is the sense of Congress that—

5               (1) Moldova is a close partner in the European  
6       region and the United States should remain com-  
7       mitted to supporting its security and prosperity;

8               (2) Moldova’s military relies on outdated Soviet  
9       era equipment that needs to be replaced;

10              (3) senior Moldovan defense officials have stat-  
11       ed they need \$275 million to modernize Moldova’s  
12       armed forces;

13              (4) the United States should increase and deep-  
14       en efforts to partner with and support the mod-  
15       ernization of the Moldovan military;

16              (5) it is in the interest of the United States  
17       that Moldova continues to transition its military  
18       equipment away from Russian-produced platforms

1 and weapons systems through the European Recapi-  
2 talization Incentive Program;

3 (6) the strategic partnership that the United  
4 States and Moldova have established over 30 years  
5 is mutually beneficial to the national security of both  
6 countries;

7 (7) the United States needs to support  
8 Moldova's reform process consisting of a transition  
9 from conscription to an all-volunteer/professional  
10 force, modernizing equipment from Soviet to West-  
11 ern systems, creating a "mobile, modular, flexible  
12 and function army," according to the 2022 state-  
13 ment by Defense Minister Antolie Nosatii, and em-  
14 phasizing air defense capabilities; and

15 (8) the United States should continue to invest  
16 in International Military Education and Training  
17 programs in Moldova.

18 **SEC. \_\_\_ 02. FUNDING FOR THE EUROPEAN RECAPITALIZA-**  
19 **TION INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—To the maximum extent feasible,  
21 amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the  
22 European Recapitalization Incentive Program should be  
23 considered for Moldova as appropriate to assist the coun-  
24 try in meeting its defense needs and transitioning away  
25 from Russian-produced military equipment.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall  
3 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-  
4 port that provides a full accounting of all funds distributed  
5 under the European Recapitalization Incentive Program,  
6 including—

7 (1) a description of how the funds were used in  
8 Moldova; and

9 (2) an accounting of remaining equipment in  
10 Moldova that was provided by the then-Soviet Union  
11 or Russian Federation.

12 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—  
13 For purposes of subsection (b), the term “appropriate con-  
14 gressional committees” means—

15 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the  
16 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee  
17 on Appropriations of the Senate; and

18 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the  
19 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee  
20 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

21 **SEC. \_\_\_ 03. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON LOAN PROGRAM.**

22 It is the sense of Congress that, as appropriate, the  
23 United States Government should provide direct loans to  
24 Moldova for the procurement of defense articles, defense  
25 services, and design and construction services pursuant to

1 the authority of section 23 of the Arms Export Control  
2 Act (22 U.S.C. 2763) to support the further development  
3 of Moldova's military forces.

4 **SEC. \_\_\_ 04. IMET COOPERATION WITH MOLDOVA.**

5 For each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028, there  
6 is authorized \$1,000,000 for International Military Edu-  
7 cation and Training assistance for Moldova, which may  
8 be made available for the following purposes:

9 (1) Training of future leaders.

10 (2) Fostering a better understanding of the  
11 United States.

12 (3) Establishing a rapport between the United  
13 States Armed Forces and Moldova's military to  
14 build partnerships for the future.

15 (4) Enhancement of interoperability and capa-  
16 bilities for joint operations.

17 (5) Focusing on professional military education,  
18 civilian control of the military, and protection of  
19 human rights.

