

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115–70
OFFERED BY MR. RUIZ OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle F of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12__ . AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND**
2 **TRAINING TO INCREASE MARITIME SECURITY AND DOMAIN AWARENESS OF FOREIGN**
3 **RITY 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 purpose of
15 this section as described in subsection (a), the Sec-
16 retary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Sec-
17 retary of State, is authorized—

18 (A) to provide training to the national mili-
19 tary or other security forces of Israel, Bahrain,

1 Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates,
2 Oman, Kuwait, and Qatar that have among
3 their functional responsibilities maritime secu-
4 rity missions; and

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

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

11 (c) TYPES OF TRAINING.—

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

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

19 (A) Observance of and respect for human
20 rights and fundamental freedoms.

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

24 (d) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of the amount au-
25 thorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2019 and avail-

1 able for operation and maintenance for Defense-wide ac-
2 tivities, \$50,000,000 shall be available only for the provi-
3 sion of assistance and training under subsection (b).

4 (e) COST SHARING.—

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

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

23 (3) CREDIT TO APPROPRIATIONS.—The portion
24 of such cost sharing received by the Secretary of De-
25 fense pursuant to this subsection may be credited to-

1 wards appropriations available for operation and
2 maintenance for Defense-wide activities.

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

8 (1) An identification of the recipient country.

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

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

21 (4) A description of the arrangements, if any,
22 to support recipient country sustainment of any ca-
23 pability developed pursuant to the program, and the
24 source of funds to support sustainment efforts and

1 performance outcomes to be achieved under the pro-
2 gram beyond its completion date, if applicable.

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

7 (6) Such other matters as the Secretary con-
8 siders appropriate.

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

11 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
12 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
13 on Appropriations of the Senate; and

14 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
15 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee
16 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

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

