

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 13___ . REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING AS-**
2 **SISTANCE TO TAIWAN IN DEVELOPING AN**
3 **ASYMMETRIC NAVAL SELF-DEFENSE CAPA-**
4 **BILITY.**

5 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,
7 in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal
8 departments and agencies, shall submit a classified report,
9 along with an unclassified summary, to the appropriate
10 congressional committees that contains an assessment
11 of—

12 (1) the feasibility of providing assistance to
13 Taiwan in developing an asymmetric naval self-de-
14 fense capability;

15 (2) whether Taiwan’s self-defense capability
16 would be enhanced by small, high-speed, long-range
17 (200 or more nautical miles), extreme-weather-capable,
18 reduced-radar-signature boats with the capacity

1 for launching missiles, addressing subsurface threats
2 or delivering and recovering small troop units to
3 coastal and littoral locations in the vicinity of the
4 Taiwan Strait, and, if so, in what number and in
5 what configurations;

6 (3) whether existing and planned Tuo Chiang
7 class catamaran-hulled corvettes are naval assets ca-
8 pable of contributing to an effective asymmetric
9 naval self-defense strategy; and

10 (4) the effectiveness of Taiwan’s existing larger-
11 platform surface naval fleet, including Keelung-class
12 destroyers, Cheung Kung-class frigates, Chi Yang-
13 class frigates, and Kang Ding-class frigates for self-
14 defense; and

15 (b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
16 DEFINED.—For purposes of subsection (a), the term “ap-
17 propriate congressional committees” means—

18 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
19 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives; and

21 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
22 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

