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At the end of subtitle E of title XVII, insert the following:

SEC. 17. INCREASED REALISM AND TRAINING EFFECTIVENESS FOR AIRBORNE ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE TRAINING AT OFFSHORE TRAINING RANGES.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Defense shall provide for greater training effectiveness for aircrews by procuring contract services that will realistically simulate real-world, manned submersible, diesel-powered vessels that are very similar to third-world and near-peer adversaries.

(b) Goals and Best Practices.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall apply the following goals and best practices:

(1) Provide for on-demand services available on training range scheduling services within 3 days of training exercises.

(2) Meet the demand for scalable, highly relevant, and robust training assets for use by fixed
and rotary-wing Navy anti-submarine communities on both coasts.

(3) Minimize the use of foreign naval vessels, reserving them only for large, joint and allied exercises.

(4) Ensure that such vessels are classed for use on sea-based ranges and equipped for safe operation with United States naval air, surface, and submarine forces.