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H. R. 4071

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection in foreign countries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUEST (for himself and Ms. POU) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Combatting Inter-
5 national Drug Trafficking and Human Smuggling Part-
6 nership Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENHANCING THE OPERATIONS OF U.S. CUSTOMS**
2 **AND BORDER PROTECTION IN FOREIGN**
3 **COUNTRIES.**

4 Section 411(f) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
5 (6 U.S.C. 211(f)) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
7 graph (5); and

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
9 lowing new paragraph:

10 “(4) PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Employees of U.S.
12 Customs and Border Protection designated with
13 the authorities granted to officers and agents of
14 Air and Marine Operations may provide the
15 support described in subparagraph (B) to the
16 government of a foreign country, including by
17 conducting joint operations with appropriate
18 government officials within the territory of such
19 country, if an arrangement has been entered
20 into between the Government of the United
21 States and the government of such country that
22 permits such support.

23 “(B) SUPPORT DESCRIBED.—

24 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The support de-
25 scribed in this subparagraph is support for
26 the following:

1 “(I) The monitoring, locating,
2 tracking, and deterrence of the fol-
3 lowing:

4 “(aa) Illegal drugs to the
5 United States.

6 “(bb) The illicit smuggling
7 of persons and goods into the
8 United States.

9 “(cc) Terrorist threats to
10 the United States.

11 “(dd) Other threats to the
12 security or economy of the
13 United States.

14 “(II) Emergency humanitarian
15 efforts.

16 “(III) Law enforcement capacity-
17 building efforts.

18 “(ii) DEFINITION.—In this subpara-
19 graph, the term ‘emergency humanitarian
20 efforts’ means activities carried out by
21 U.S. Customs and Border Protection per-
22 taining to search and rescue activities,
23 medical assistance, air traffic control as-
24 sistance, and transport necessary to ac-
25 complish such purposes.

1 “(C) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.—

2 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clauses
3 (ii) and (iv), the Secretary may expend
4 funds that have been appropriated or oth-
5 erwise made available for the operating ex-
6 penses of the Department to pay claims for
7 money damages against the United States,
8 in accordance with the first paragraph of
9 section 2672 of title 28, United States
10 Code, which arise in a foreign country in
11 connection with U.S. Customs and Border
12 Protection operations in such country.

13 “(ii) SUBMISSION DEADLINE.—A
14 claim may be allowed under clause (i) only
15 if such claim is presented not later than
16 two years after the date of the incident
17 that gives rise to such claim.

18 “(iii) REPORT.—Not later than 90
19 days after the date on which the expendi-
20 ture authority under clause (i) expires pur-
21 suant to clause (iv), the Secretary shall
22 submit to the Committee on Homeland Se-
23 curity of the House of Representatives and
24 the Committee on Homeland Security and
25 Governmental Affairs of the Senate a re-

1 port that describes, for each of the pay-
2 ments made pursuant to such clause (i),
3 the following:

4 “(I) The person or entity that re-
5 ceived such payment.

6 “(II) The amount paid to such
7 person or entity.

8 “(III) The country in which such
9 person or entity resides or has its
10 principal place of business.

11 “(IV) A detailed account of the
12 circumstances to justify such pay-
13 ment.

14 “(iv) SUNSET.—The expenditure au-
15 thority under clause (i) shall expire on the
16 date that is five years after the date of the
17 enactment of this subparagraph.”.

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