

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4709

To amend the Arms Export Control Act to modify a limitation relating to exports and transfers of defense articles and services under the AUKUS partnership, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 8, 2026

Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mr. KAINE) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Unlocking Next-Gen-
5 eration Licensing and Opportunities for Collaborative
6 Know-how for AUKUS Act” or the “UNLOCK AUKUS
7 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF LIMITATION RELATING TO EX-**
2 **PORTS AND TRANSFERS OF DEFENSE ARTI-**
3 **CLES AND SERVICES UNDER THE AUKUS**
4 **PARTNERSHIP.**

5 Section 38(l)(4)(B) of the Arms Export Control Act
6 (22 U.S.C. 2778(l)(4)(B)) is amended by inserting “, ex-
7 cluding subclauses (I), (II), and (III)” after “subsection
8 (j)(1)(C)(ii)”.

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