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# H. R. 3725

To assist international efforts to improve awareness, detection, and clearance of antipersonnel landmines and explosive ordnance.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. LEACH, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. BEILENSON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OLVER, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. WYNN, Mr. YATES, and Mr. FARR of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on National Security, 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

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## A BILL

To assist international efforts to improve awareness, detection, and clearance of antipersonnel landmines and explosive ordnance.

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 “Landmine Removal  
5 Assistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL—The President shall carry out a  
3 program for humanitarian purposes to improve awareness,  
4 detection, and clearance of antipersonnel landmines and  
5 explosive ordnance.

6 (b) FORMS OF ASSISTANCE.—The President shall im-  
7 plement subsection (a) by directing the Secretary of De-  
8 fense, the Secretary of State, and the Administrator of  
9 the United States Agency for International Development  
10 to—

11 (1) provide personnel to instruct, educate, train,  
12 and advise persons described in subsection (c) to im-  
13 prove awareness, detection, and clearance of anti-  
14 personnel landmines and explosive ordnance;

15 (2) provide financial assistance for expenses as-  
16 sociated with instructing, educating, training, and  
17 advising persons described in subsection (c) regard-  
18 ing awareness, detection, and clearance of anti-  
19 personnel landmines and explosive ordnance;

20 (3) provide technical assistance, equipment, and  
21 technology regarding awareness, detection, and  
22 clearance of antipersonnel landmines and explosive  
23 ordnance; and

24 (4) encourage participation of persons described  
25 in subsection (c) in improving awareness, detection,

1 and clearance of antipersonnel landmines and explo-  
2 sive ordnance.

3 (c) PERSONS THAT MAY RECEIVE ASSISTANCE.—

4 Persons that may receive instruction, education, training,  
5 advice, or other assistance under this section include—

6 (1) foreign governments;

7 (2) international organizations;

8 (3) non-governmental organizations;

9 (4) humanitarian relief organizations;

10 (5) private voluntary organizations;

11 (6) the United Nations; and

12 (7) other persons the President considers ap-  
13 propriate.

14 **SEC. 3. REPORTS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 15, 1997,  
16 and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State, the Sec-  
17 retary of Defense, and the Administrator of the United  
18 States Agency for International Development shall trans-  
19 mit to Congress a joint report which shall include—

20 (1) a description of the extent to which section  
21 2 has been implemented in the 12 months imme-  
22 diately preceding the report;

23 (2) a description of all financial expenditures  
24 made for implementation of section 2 in the 12  
25 months immediately preceding the report;

1           (3) a description of measures proposed to im-  
2           plement section 2 in the 12 months immediately fol-  
3           lowing the report;

4           (4) a unified proposed budget for implementa-  
5           tion of section 2 for the 3 fiscal years immediately  
6           following the report;

7           (5) a 3-year plan, as required by subsection (b);

8           (6) a description of, and recommendations to  
9           improve, Federal interagency coordination of efforts  
10          to detect and clear antipersonnel landmines and ex-  
11          plosive ordnance;

12          (7) recommendations to coordinate United  
13          States international and domestic efforts to detect,  
14          clear, and dispose of explosive ordnance; and

15          (8) recommendations for developing technology  
16          to make antipersonnel landmines and explosive ord-  
17          nance easier to detect and to decrease the cost of  
18          clearing antipersonnel landmines and explosive ord-  
19          nance.

20          (b) 3-YEAR PLAN.—The initial report required by  
21          subsection (a), and every 3 years thereafter the annual  
22          report required by subsection (a), shall contain a descrip-  
23          tion of the measures which the Secretary of Defense, the  
24          Secretary of State, and the Administrator of the United  
25          States Agency for International Development plan to use

1 to implement section 2 during the 3 years immediately fol-  
2 lowing the report.

3 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSON-**  
4 **NEL.**

5 The President shall ensure that no member of the  
6 Armed Forces of the United States, while providing assist-  
7 ance under this Act—

8 (1) engages in the physical detection, lifting, or  
9 destruction of antipersonnel landmines or explosive  
10 ordnance (unless such member does so for the con-  
11 current purpose of supporting a United States mili-  
12 tary operation); or

13 (2) provides such assistance as part of a mili-  
14 tary operation that does not involve the Armed  
15 Forces of the United States.

16 **SEC. 5. ANTIPERSONNEL LANDMINE DEFINED.**

17 For the purposes of this Act the term “antipersonnel  
18 landmine” means any munition placed under, on, or near  
19 the ground or other surface area, delivered by artillery,  
20 rocket, mortar, or similar means, or dropped from an air-  
21 craft and which is designed, constructed, or adapted to  
22 be detonated or exploded by the presence, proximity, or  
23 contact of a person.

1 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       Notwithstanding any other provision of law (includ-  
3 ing any provision of law enacted after the date of the en-  
4 actment of this Act), funds appropriated for the Depart-  
5 ment of Defense for Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster,  
6 and Civic Aid for any fiscal year, which are available for  
7 activities related to awareness, detection, or clearance of  
8 antipersonnel landmines or explosive ordnance shall re-  
9 main available until expended unless in the Act appro-  
10 priating such funds the matter specifically relating to  
11 Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid states  
12 otherwise.

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