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To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 regarding energy diplomacy and security within the Department of State, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCAUL (for himself and Mr. ENGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Energy Diplomacy Act
5 of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENERGY DIPLOMACY AND SECURITY WITHIN THE**
2 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 1 of the
4 State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
5 U.S.C. 2651a) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
7 graph (4); and

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

10 “(3) ENERGY RESOURCES.—

11 “(A) AUTHORIZATION FOR ASSISTANT SEC-
12 RETARY.—Subject to the numerical limitation
13 specified in paragraph (1), there is authorized
14 to be established in the Department of State an
15 Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Re-
16 sources.

17 “(B) PERSONNEL.—The Secretary of
18 State shall ensure that there are sufficient per-
19 sonnel dedicated to energy matters within the
20 Department of State who shall be responsible
21 for—

22 “(i) formulating and implementing
23 international policies aimed at protecting
24 and advancing United States energy secu-
25 rity interests by effectively managing
26 United States bilateral and multilateral re-

1 lations in the fields of petroleum, natural
2 gas, biofuels, renewable energy, nuclear,
3 and other energy resources;

4 “(ii) ensuring that analyses of the na-
5 tional security implications of global en-
6 ergy and environmental developments are
7 reflected in the decision making process
8 within the Department of State;

9 “(iii) incorporating energy security
10 priorities into the activities of the Depart-
11 ment of State;

12 “(iv) coordinating energy activities of
13 the Department of State with relevant
14 Federal agencies;

15 “(v) working internationally to—

16 “(I) support the development of
17 energy resources and the distribution
18 of such resources for the benefit of
19 the United States and United States
20 allies and trading partners for their
21 energy security and economic develop-
22 ment needs;

23 “(II) promote availability of di-
24 versified energy supplies and a well-
25 functioning global market for energy

1 resources, technologies, and expertise
2 for the benefit of the United States
3 and United States allies and trading
4 partners;

5 “(III) resolve international dis-
6 putes regarding the exploration, devel-
7 opment, production, or distribution of
8 energy resources;

9 “(IV) support the economic and
10 commercial interests of United States
11 persons operating in the energy mar-
12 kets of foreign countries; and

13 “(V) support and coordinate
14 international efforts to alleviate en-
15 ergy poverty;

16 “(vi) leading the United States com-
17 mitment to the Extractive Industries
18 Transparency Initiative;

19 “(vii) coordinating within the Depart-
20 ment of State and with relevant Federal
21 departments and agencies on developing
22 and implementing international energy-re-
23 lated sanctions; and

24 “(viii) coordinating energy security
25 and other relevant functions within the De-

1 partment of State currently undertaken
2 by—

3 “(I) the Bureau of Economic and
4 Business Affairs of the Department of
5 State;

6 “(II) the Bureau of Oceans and
7 International Environmental and Sci-
8 entific Affairs of the Department of
9 State; and

10 “(III) other offices within the
11 Department of State.”.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 931 of the
13 Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42
14 U.S.C. 17371) is amended—

15 (1) by striking subsections (a) and (b); and

16 (2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
17 subsections (a) and (b), respectively.

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