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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

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.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

5 **SEC. 2. ENHANCING THE OPERATIONS OF U.S. CUSTOMS**
6 **AND BORDER PROTECTION IN FOREIGN**
7 **COUNTRIES.**

8 Section 411(f) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
9 (6 U.S.C. 211(f)) is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
11 graph (5); and

12 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
13 lowing new paragraph:

14 “(4) PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—

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

“(B) SUPPORT DESCRIBED.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The support described in this subparagraph is support for the following:

“(I) The monitoring, locating, tracking, and deterrence of the following:

“(aa) Illegal drugs to the United States.

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

“(cc) Terrorist threats to the United States.

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

“(II) Emergency humanitarian efforts.

“(III) Law enforcement capacity-building efforts.

“(ii) DEFINITION.—In this subparagraph, the term ‘emergency humanitarian efforts’ means activities carried out by U.S. Customs and Border Protection per-

1 taining to search and rescue activities,
2 medical assistance, air traffic control as-
3 sistance, and transport necessary to ac-
4 complish such purposes.

5 “(C) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.—

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

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

22 “(iii) REPORT.—Not later than 90
23 days after the date on which the expendi-
24 ture authority under clause (i) expires pur-
25 suant to clause (iv), the Secretary shall

1 submit to the Committee on Homeland Se-
2 curity of the House of Representatives and
3 the Committee on Homeland Security and
4 Governmental Affairs of the Senate a re-
5 port that describes, for each of the pay-
6 ments made pursuant to such clause (i),
7 the following:

8 “(I) The person or entity that re-
9 ceived such payment.

10 “(II) The amount paid to such
11 person or entity.

12 “(III) The country in which such
13 person or entity resides or has its
14 principal place of business.

15 “(IV) A detailed account of the
16 circumstances to justify such pay-
17 ment.

18 “(iv) SUNSET.—The expenditure au-
19 thority under clause (i) shall expire on the

1 date that is five years after the date of the
2 enactment of this subparagraph.”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 19,
2025.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.