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H. R. 4071

[Report No. 119–323, Part I]

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

JUNE 23, 2025

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

OCTOBER 3, 2025

Additional sponsor: Mr. FITZPATRICK

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Reported from the Committee on Homeland Security

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Committee on Ways and Means discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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”.

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

10 Section 411(f) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
11 (6 U.S.C. 211(f)) is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
13 graph (5); and

14 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
15 lowing new paragraph:

16 “(4) PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—

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

1 into between the Government of the United
2 States and the government of such country that
3 permits such support.

4 “(B) SUPPORT DESCRIBED.—

5 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The support de-
6 scribed in this subparagraph is support for
7 the following:

8 “(I) The monitoring, locating,
9 tracking, and deterrence of the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(aa) Illegal drugs to the
12 United States.

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

16 “(cc) Terrorist threats to
17 the United States.

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

21 “(II) Emergency humanitarian
22 efforts.

23 “(III) Law enforcement capacity-
24 building efforts.

1 “(ii) DEFINITION.—In this subpara-
2 graph, the term ‘emergency humanitarian
3 efforts’ means activities carried out by
4 U.S. Customs and Border Protection per-
5 taining to search and rescue activities,
6 medical assistance, air traffic control as-
7 sistance, and transport necessary to ac-
8 complish such purposes.

9 “(C) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.—

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

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

1 “(iii) REPORT.—Not later than 90
2 days after the date on which the expendi-
3 ture authority under clause (i) expires pur-
4 suant to clause (iv), the Secretary shall
5 submit to the Committee on Homeland Se-
6 curity of the House of Representatives and
7 the Committee on Homeland Security and
8 Governmental Affairs of the Senate a re-
9 port that describes, for each of the pay-
10 ments made pursuant to such clause (i),
11 the following:

12 “(I) The person or entity that re-
13 ceived such payment.

14 “(II) The amount paid to such
15 person or entity.

16 “(III) The country in which such
17 person or entity resides or has its
18 principal place of business.

19 “(IV) A detailed account of the
20 circumstances to justify such pay-
21 ment.

22 “(iv) SUNSET.—The expenditure au-
23 thority under clause (i) shall expire on the
24 date that is five years after the date of the
25 enactment of this subparagraph.”.

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