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To require the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, to submit a report on emerging threats posed to the Republics of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BELL (for himself, Mr. BACON, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CASE, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. COSTA, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. GOODLANDER, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KEATING, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. LANDSMAN, Ms. MCBRIDE, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. PANETTA, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mr. COHEN) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Baltic Security Assess-
3 ment Act of 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that—

6 (1) supporting and strengthening the security
7 of the Republics of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania
8 is in the national security interests of the United
9 States;

10 (2) continuing to strengthen and update the se-
11 curity cooperation roadmap for the United States
12 and the Baltic countries is critical to achieving stra-
13 tegic security priorities as the Republics of Estonia,
14 Latvia, and Lithuania face ongoing belligerence and
15 threats from the Russian Federation, including amid
16 the Russian Federation’s illegal and unprovoked war
17 in Ukraine that began on February 24, 2022;

18 (3) Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania have been
19 valued members of the North Atlantic Treaty Orga-
20 nization (NATO) and continue to contribute to the
21 organizations’ collective security and partnership;
22 and

23 (4) improved economic ties between the United
24 States, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, including to
25 counter economic pressure by the People’s Republic

1 of China, offer an opportunity to strengthen the
2 United States-Baltic strategic partnership.

3 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON EMERGING THREATS TO THE BALTIC**
4 **COUNTRIES.**

5 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
6 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordi-
7 nation with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the
8 appropriate congressional committees a report on—

9 (1) emerging military, cyber, hybrid, and polit-
10 ical threats posed to the Republic of Estonia, the
11 Republic of Latvia, and the Republic of Lithuania
12 (in this section referred to collectively as the “Baltic
13 countries”);

14 (2) the roles of the Russian Federation, the Re-
15 public of Belarus, the People’s Republic of China,
16 the Islamic Republic of Iran, and other malign ac-
17 tors in advancing such threats;

18 (3) the current posture and presence of United
19 States and NATO forces in the region in deterring
20 such threats;

21 (4) opportunities to enhance bilateral and mul-
22 tilateral defense cooperation between the United
23 States and the Baltic countries; and

1 (5) recommendations for strengthening the de-
2 terrence posture, cybersecurity infrastructure, and
3 democratic resilience of the Baltic countries.

4 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
5 shall be submitted in unclassified form and may contain
6 a classified annex.

7 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
8 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
9 sional committees” means—

10 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
11 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives; and

13 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
14 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

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