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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2025

Mr. RICKETTS (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

\_\_\_\_\_, (legislative day, \_\_\_\_\_), \_\_\_\_\_

Reported by Mr. RISCH, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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**A BILL**

To amend the Arms Export Control Act to include Taiwan among the list of recipient countries with respect to which shorter certification and reporting periods apply and to expedite licensing for allies transferring military equipment to Taiwan, 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 “Providing Our Re-  
3 gional Companions Upgraded Protection in Nefarious En-  
4 vironments Act” or “PORCUPINE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF CERTIFICATION AND REPORT-**  
6 **ING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ARMS EX-**  
7 **PORT CONTROL ACT.**

8 The Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et  
9 seq.) is amended—

10 (1) in section 3 (22 U.S.C. 2753)—

11 (A) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “the  
12 Government of Taiwan,” before “or the”; and

13 (B) in subsection (d)—

14 (i) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking  
15 “or New Zealand” and inserting “New  
16 Zealand, or Taiwan”;

17 (ii) in paragraph (3)(A)(i), by striking  
18 “or New Zealand” and inserting “New  
19 Zealand, or Taiwan”; and

20 (iii) in paragraph (5), by striking “or  
21 New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-  
22 land, or Taiwan”;

23 (2) in section 21 (22 U.S.C. 2761)—

24 (A) in subsection (c)(2)(A), by striking “or  
25 New Zealand” and inserting “New Zealand, or  
26 Taiwan”; and

1                   (~~B~~) in subsection (~~h~~)—

2                   (i) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking  
3                   “or Israel” and inserting “Israel, or Tai-  
4                   wan”; and

5                   (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “or  
6                   Israel” and inserting “Israel, or Taiwan”;

7                   (~~3~~) in section ~~36~~ (22 U.S.C. 2776)—

8                   (A) in subsection (b)—

9                   (i) in paragraph (1), in the undesig-  
10                  nated matter following subparagraph (P),  
11                  in the second sentence, by striking “or  
12                  New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-  
13                  land, or Taiwan”;

14                  (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “or  
15                  New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-  
16                  land, or Taiwan”; and

17                  (iii) in paragraph (6), in the matter  
18                  preceding subparagraph (A), by striking  
19                  “or New Zealand” and inserting “New  
20                  Zealand, or Taiwan”;

21                  (~~B~~) in subsection (~~e~~)—

22                  (i) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking  
23                  “or New Zealand” and inserting “New  
24                  Zealand, or Taiwan”; and

1 (ii) in paragraph (5), by striking “or  
2 New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-  
3 land, or Taiwan”; and

4 (C) in subsection (d)(2)(A), by striking “or  
5 New Zealand” and inserting “New Zealand, or  
6 Taiwan”;

7 (4) in section 62(c)(1) (22 U.S.C. 2796a(c)(1)),  
8 by striking “or New Zealand” and inserting “New  
9 Zealand, or Taiwan”; and

10 (5) in section 63(a)(2) (22 U.S.C.  
11 2796b(a)(2)), in the matter preceding subparagraph  
12 (A), by striking “or New Zealand” and inserting  
13 “New Zealand, or Taiwan”.

14 **SEC. 3. EXPEDITED LICENSING FOR ALLIES TRANSFER-**  
15 **RING MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO TAIWAN.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
18 shall establish an expedited decision-making process for  
19 blanket third party transfers of defense articles and serv-  
20 ices from North Atlantic Treaty Organization member  
21 countries, Japan, Australia, the Republic of Korea, Israel,  
22 or New Zealand to Taiwan, including transfers and re-  
23 transfers of United States origin grant, Foreign Military  
24 Sales, and Direct Commercial Sales end-items not covered  
25 by an exemption under the International Traffic in Arms

1 Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22,  
2 Code of Federal Regulations.

3 (b) ~~AVAILABILITY.~~—The expedited decision-making  
4 process described in subsection (a)—

5 (1) shall be available for classified and unclassi-  
6 fied items; and

7 (2) shall, to the extent practicable—

8 (A) require the approval, return, or denial  
9 of any licensing application to export defense  
10 articles and services that is related to a govern-  
11 ment-to-government agreement within 15 days  
12 after the submission of such application; and

13 (B) require the completion of the review of  
14 all other licensing requests not later than 30  
15 days after the submission of such application.

16 (c) ~~REPORT.~~—Not later than 1 year after the date  
17 on which the expedited decision-making process under  
18 subsection (a) is established, the Secretary of State shall  
19 submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-  
20 ate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House  
21 of Representatives a report on the implementation and ef-  
22 fectiveness of such process, including an assessment of the  
23 actions taken to coordinate with North Atlantic Treaty  
24 Organization member countries, Japan, Australia, the Re-  
25 public of Korea, Israel, and New Zealand to ensure align-

1 ment with the respective export control regulations of such  
2 countries.

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Providing Our Regional*  
5 *Companions Upgraded Protection in Nefarious Environ-*  
6 *ments Act” or “PORCUPINE Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF CERTIFICATION AND REPORTING**  
8 **REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ARMS EXPORT**  
9 **CONTROL ACT.**

10 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Arms Export Control Act (22*  
11 *U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) is amended—*

12 (1) *in section 3 (22 U.S.C. 2753)—*

13 (A) *in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “Tai-*  
14 *wan,” before “or the”; and*

15 (B) *in subsection (d)—*

16 (i) *in paragraph (2)(B), by striking*  
17 *“or New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-*  
18 *land, or Taiwan”;*

19 (ii) *in paragraph (3)(A)(i), by striking*  
20 *“or New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-*  
21 *land, or Taiwan”; and*

22 (iii) *in paragraph (5), by striking “or*  
23 *New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-*  
24 *land, or Taiwan”;*

25 (2) *in section 21 (22 U.S.C. 2761)—*

1                   (A) in subsection (e)(2)(A), by striking “or  
2                   New Zealand” and inserting “New Zealand, or  
3                   Taiwan”; and

4                   (B) in subsection (h)—

5                   (i) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking  
6                   “or Israel” and inserting “Israel, or Tai-  
7                   wan”; and

8                   (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “or  
9                   Israel” and inserting “Israel, or Taiwan”;

10                  (3) in section 36 (22 U.S.C. 2776)—

11                  (A) in subsection (b)—

12                   (i) in paragraph (1), in the undesig-  
13                   nated matter following subparagraph (P),  
14                   in the second sentence, by striking “or New  
15                   Zealand” and inserting “New Zealand, or  
16                   Taiwan”;

17                   (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “or  
18                   New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-  
19                   land, or Taiwan”; and

20                   (iii) in paragraph (6), in the matter  
21                   preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “or  
22                   New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-  
23                   land, or Taiwan”;

24                  (B) in subsection (c)—

1                   (i) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking  
2                   “or New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-  
3                   land, or Taiwan”; and

4                   (ii) in paragraph (5), by striking “or  
5                   New Zealand” and inserting “New Zea-  
6                   land, or Taiwan”; and

7                   (C) in subsection (d)(2)(A), by striking “or  
8                   New Zealand” and inserting “New Zealand, or  
9                   Taiwan”;

10                  (4) in section 62(c)(1) (22 U.S.C. 2796a(c)(1)),  
11                  by striking “or New Zealand” and inserting “New  
12                  Zealand, or Taiwan”; and

13                  (5) in section 63(a)(2) (22 U.S.C. 2796b(a)(2)),  
14                  in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by strik-  
15                  ing “or New Zealand” and inserting “New Zealand,  
16                  or Taiwan”.

17                  (b) *REPORT.*—Not later than two years after the date  
18                  of the enactment of this section, and every two years there-  
19                  after, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee  
20                  on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on  
21                  Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on  
22                  the implementation and effectiveness of the amendments  
23                  made by this section.

1 **SEC. 3. FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT OF EXPEDITED LICENS-**  
2 **ING FOR ALLIES TRANSFERRING MILITARY**  
3 **EQUIPMENT TO TAIWAN.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 90 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
6 shall conduct an assessment of the feasibility of establishing  
7 an expedited decision-making process for third party trans-  
8 fers of defense articles and services from North Atlantic  
9 Treaty Organization member countries, Japan, Australia,  
10 the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, or Israel to Taiwan,  
11 including transfers and re-transfers of United States-origin  
12 grant, Foreign Military Sales, and Direct Commercial  
13 Sales end-items not covered by an exemption under the  
14 International Traffic in Arms Regulations under sub-  
15 chapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regula-  
16 tions.

17 (b) *ELEMENTS.*—The assessment required by sub-  
18 section (a) shall include an assessment of the following:

19 (1) *The availability of such an expedited deci-*  
20 *sion-making process for classified and unclassified*  
21 *items.*

22 (2) *The feasibility of requiring—*

23 (A) *the approval, return, or denial of any*  
24 *licensing application to export defense articles*  
25 *and services that is related to a government-to-*

1           *government agreement within 15 days after the*  
2           *submission of such application; and*

3                   *(B) the completion of the review of all other*  
4           *licensing requests not later than 30 days after*  
5           *the submission of such application.*

6           *(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the date*  
7           *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall*  
8           *provide the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate*  
9           *and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-*  
10          *resentatives with a briefing on the outcome of the assessment*  
11          *required by subsection (a).*

12   **SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

13          *Nothing in this Act may be construed to alter the pol-*  
14          *icy of the United States toward Taiwan as specified in the*  
15          *Taiwan Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.).*

16   **SEC. 5. SUNSET.**

17          *This Act shall cease to have effect on the date that is*  
18          *7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.*