

119TH CONGRESS
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To make improvements to the AUKUS partnership, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RICKETTS (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COONS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To make improvements to the AUKUS partnership, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “AUKUS Improvement
5 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ARMS EX-**
2 **PORT CONTROL ACT AND OTHER ARMS**
3 **TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS.**

4 Section 38(l) of the Arms Export Control Act (22
5 U.S.C. 2778(l)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new paragraph:

7 “(8) EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN REQUIRE-
8 MENTS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Defense articles sold
10 by the United States under this Act may be re-
11 exported, retransferred or temporarily imported
12 exclusively between the Government of Aus-
13 tralia, the Government of the United Kingdom,
14 or entities eligible under section 126.7(b)(2) of
15 title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or
16 successor regulations. Such transfers shall not
17 require the consent of the President under sec-
18 tion 3(a)(2) of this Act, or under section
19 505(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
20 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2314(a)(1)(B).

21 “(B) INTRA-COMPANY, INTRA-ORGANIZA-
22 TIONAL, AND INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL TRANS-
23 FERS.—Intra-company, intra-organization, and
24 intra-governmental transfers related to defense
25 articles and defense services described under
26 subparagraph (A) are authorized between offi-

1 cers, employees, and agents who satisfy section
2 120.64 of title 22 of the Code of Federal Regu-
3 lations, or successor regulations, including dual
4 or third country nationals who satisfy section
5 126.18 of title 22 of the Code of Federal Regu-
6 lations, or successor regulations.”.

7 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**
8 **FOR COMMERCIAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**
9 **OR MANUFACTURING LICENSE AGREEMENTS**
10 **INVOLVING AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED**
11 **KINGDOM.**

12 Section 36(d)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act (22
13 U.S.C. 2776(d)(2)) is amended—

14 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and
15 (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively;

16 (2) by striking “A certification” and inserting
17 “(A) A certification”;

18 (3) in clause (i), as redesignated by paragraph
19 (1), by striking “North Atlantic Treaty Organization
20 or Australia, Japan” and inserting “North Atlantic
21 Treaty Organization (excluding the United King-
22 dom) or Japan”; and

23 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 paragraph:

1 “(B) A certification under this subsection shall
2 not be required in the case of an agreement for or
3 in Australia or the United Kingdom.”.