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116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To modify and extend the update of the Department of Defense Freedom
of Navigation Report

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BRINDISI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To modify and extend the update of the Department of
Defense Freedom of Navigation Report

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 “South China Sea Free-
5 dom of Navigation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF UPDATE OF DE-**
2 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE FREEDOM OF NAVI-**
3 **GATION REPORT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 1275 of
5 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
6 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130 Stat. 2540) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) by striking “an annual basis” and inserting
9 “a biannual basis”; and

10 (2) by striking “the previous year” and insert-
11 ing “the previous 6 months”.

12 (b) ELEMENTS.—Subsection (b) of such section is
13 amended—

14 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
15 striking “the year” and inserting “the period”;

16 (2) in paragraph (1), by inserting “the number
17 of maritime and overflight challenges to each such
18 claim and” before “the country”;

19 (3) in paragraph (5), by inserting “have been
20 protested by the United States but” before “have
21 not been challenged”; and

22 (4) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(6) A summary of each excessive maritime
24 claim challenged jointly with international partners
25 and allies.”.

1 (c) FORM.—Subsection (c) of such section is amend-
2 ed by adding at the end before the period the following:
3 “and made publicly available”.

4 (d) SUNSET.—Subsection (d) of such section is
5 amended by striking “December 31, 2021” and inserting
6 “December 31, 2025”.

7 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading of
8 such section is amended by striking “**ANNUAL**” and in-
9 serting “**BIANNUAL**”.