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# H. R. 4071

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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

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## 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”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENHANCING THE OPERATIONS OF U.S. CUSTOMS**  
2 **AND BORDER PROTECTION IN FOREIGN**  
3 **COUNTRIES.**

4 Section 411(f) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002  
5 (6 U.S.C. 211(f)) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-  
7 graph (5); and

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-  
9 lowing new paragraph:

10 “(4) PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Employees of U.S.  
12 Customs and Border Protection designated with  
13 the authorities granted to officers and agents of  
14 Air and Marine Operations may provide the  
15 support described in subparagraph (B) to the  
16 government of a foreign country, including by  
17 conducting joint operations with appropriate  
18 government officials within the territory of such  
19 country, if an arrangement has been entered  
20 into between the Government of the United  
21 States and the government of such country that  
22 permits such support.

23 “(B) SUPPORT DESCRIBED.—

24 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The support de-  
25 scribed in this subparagraph is support for  
26 the following:

1 “(I) The monitoring, locating,  
2 tracking, and deterrence of the fol-  
3 lowing:

4 “(aa) Illegal drugs to the  
5 United States.

6 “(bb) The illicit smuggling  
7 of persons and goods into the  
8 United States.

9 “(cc) Terrorist threats to  
10 the United States.

11 “(dd) Other threats to the  
12 security or economy of the  
13 United States.

14 “(II) Emergency humanitarian  
15 efforts.

16 “(III) Law enforcement capacity-  
17 building efforts.

18 “(ii) DEFINITION.—In this subpara-  
19 graph, the term ‘emergency humanitarian  
20 efforts’ means activities carried out by  
21 U.S. Customs and Border Protection per-  
22 taining to search and rescue activities,  
23 medical assistance, air traffic control as-  
24 sistance, and transport necessary to ac-  
25 complish such purposes.

“(C) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clauses (ii) and (iv), the Secretary may expend funds that have been appropriated or otherwise made available for the operating expenses of the Department to pay claims for money damages against the United States, in accordance with the first paragraph of section 2672 of title 28, United States Code, which arise in a foreign country in connection with U.S. Customs and Border Protection operations in such country.

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

“(iii) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the expenditure authority under clause (i) expires pursuant to clause (iv), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a re-

1 port that describes, for each of the pay-  
2 ments made pursuant to such clause (i),  
3 the following:

4 “(I) The person or entity that re-  
5 ceived such payment.

6 “(II) The amount paid to such  
7 person or entity.

8 “(III) The country in which such  
9 person or entity resides or has its  
10 principal place of business.

11 “(IV) A detailed account of the  
12 circumstances to justify such pay-  
13 ment.

14 “(iv) SUNSET.—The expenditure au-  
15 thority under clause (i) shall expire on the  
16 date that is five years after the date of the  
17 enactment of this subparagraph.”.

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