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# S. 358

To ensure the safety of members of the United States Armed Forces while using expeditionary facilities, infrastructure, and equipment supporting United States military operations overseas.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 30, 2009

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. PRYOR, and Mrs. McCASKILL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Ensuring Safe Facili-  
5       ties and Equipment for American Troops Overseas Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CERTIFICATION OF SAFETY OF EXPEDITIONARY FA-**  
2 **CILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND EQUIP-**  
3 **MENT SUPPORTING UNITED STATES MILI-**  
4 **TARY OPERATIONS OVERSEAS.**

5 (a) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—In order to ensure  
6 the safe utilization by the Armed Forces of expeditionary  
7 facilities, infrastructure, and equipment supporting  
8 United States military operations overseas, the Secretary  
9 of Defense shall certify to the congressional defense com-  
10 mittees, by not later than 60 days after the date of the  
11 enactment of this Act, that each of the following actions  
12 have been accomplished:

13 (1) That generally accepted industry standards  
14 for the safety of personnel are incorporated into  
15 military regulations establishing requirements for fa-  
16 cilities, infrastructure, and equipment, including  
17 standards with respect to fire protection and struc-  
18 tural integrity, and standards with respect to elec-  
19 trical systems, water treatment, and telecommuni-  
20 cation networks.

21 (2) That each contract or task or delivery order  
22 carried out for the construction, installation, repair,  
23 maintenance, or operation of expeditionary facilities  
24 for the Armed Forces overseas incorporates gen-  
25 erally accepted industry standards for the safety of  
26 personnel utilizing such facilities.

1           (3) That the standards required under para-  
2       graphs (1) and (2) apply in all current and future  
3       United States military operations overseas.

4       (b) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-  
5   FINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense  
6   committees” has the meaning given that term in section  
7   101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

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