

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4305

To amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 to further enhance the assistance provided by the United States to Ukraine to defend against further aggression by Russia and Russian-backed separatists against Ukraine, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2015

Mr. HUNTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

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 “Ukrainian Warfighter
5 Assistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) Ukraine's border is 6,995 kilometers long,
4 including 1,974 kilometers of controlled border with
5 Russia, 195 kilometers of an administrative line with
6 Crimea, and 409 kilometers of border in the east
7 that is currently uncontrolled.

8 (2) Since the beginning of the Russian-Ukrain-
9 ian conflict in 2014, 64 Ukrainian border guards
10 have been killed and another 391 have been wound-
11 ed.

12 (3) Implementation of the Minsk Agreement
13 will require the State Border Guard Service of
14 Ukraine to reestablish border checkpoints in cur-
15 rently uncontrolled territory and to monitor the bor-
16 der to verify full implementation of the Agreement.

17 (4) Ukraine has already ordered the develop-
18 ment of engineering and technical systems to
19 strengthen the controlled border between Ukraine
20 and Russia, Ukrainian maritime borders, and areas
21 adjacent to the uncontrolled territory and occupied
22 Crimea.

23 (5) Russian unmanned aerial vehicles are being
24 used for correction of Russian-backed separatist ar-
25 tillery fire, and Russian-backed separatists continue

1 to compromise Ukrainian tactical communication
2 networks.

3 (6) A Ukrainian early warning network is need-
4 ed to warn of any new aggression on the border.

5 (7) Ukrainian anti-tank guided missiles require
6 modernization to increase soldier survivability.

7 (8) Because future military operations in east-
8 ern Ukraine will rely heavily on special operations
9 forces, special operations training is a high priority
10 for the armed forces of Ukraine.

11 (9) Section 1250 of the National Defense Au-
12 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law
13 114–92) rightfully called for the United States to
14 provide to Ukraine critical training and equipment
15 to enhance the capabilities of the military and other
16 security forces of Ukraine to defend against further
17 aggression from Russia and Russian-backed separat-
18 ists.

19 (10) The assistance provided to Ukraine under
20 such section must be enhanced even further to adapt
21 to the current threats facing Ukraine.

1 **SEC. 3. ENHANCEMENT OF UKRAINE SECURITY ASSIST-**
2 **ANCE INITIATIVE.**

3 Section 1250(b) of the National Defense Authoriza-
4 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (4), by inserting “and jam-
7 ming counter-measures against such systems” after
8 “surveillance systems”;

9 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (7), (8), and
10 (9) as paragraphs (8), (9), and (10), respectively;

11 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “(7) Electro-optical/infrared sensor and multi-
14 mode radar equipped early warning systems.”;

15 (4) in paragraph (9), as so redesignated, by
16 striking “(7)” and inserting “(8)”; and

17 (5) by adding at the end the following new
18 paragraphs:

19 “(11) Training for the staff officers and leader-
20 ship of the military and other security forces of the
21 Government of Ukraine.

22 “(12) Assistance to Ukraine to develop the abil-
23 ity to domestically produce anti-armor weapon sys-
24 tems.

25 “(13) Equipment and technical assistance pro-
26 vided directly to the State Border Guard Service of

1 Ukraine for the purpose of developing a comprehen-
2 sive and routine surveillance network.

3 “(14) Construction of a special forces training
4 center and assistance in developing a special forces
5 training program.”.

6 **SEC. 4. BORDER GUARD PRIORITIZATION.**

7 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
8 United States that the Secretary of Defense, in coopera-
9 tion with the Secretary of State, when providing equip-
10 ment and technical assistance to the Government of
11 Ukraine, shall give priority to assistance for purposes of
12 protecting and monitoring the borders of Ukraine.

13 (b) MODIFICATION OF REPORT ON MILITARY ASSIST-
14 ANCE TO UKRAINE.—Section 1275(c) of the Carl Levin
15 and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Au-
16 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–
17 291; 128 Stat. 3591) is amended by adding at the end
18 the following new paragraph:

19 “(8) An assessment of the extent to which the
20 Secretary of Defense has prioritized, or is
21 prioritizing, the security assistance provided, or to
22 be provided, to the Government of Ukraine for the
23 purposes of protecting and monitoring the borders of
24 Ukraine.”.

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