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To modify certain disclosure requirements relating to the transfer of articles on the United States munitions list to Cyprus, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. CRIST, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. MENG, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SIRES, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SUOZZI, and Ms. TITUS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “End the Cyprus Arms
5 Embargo Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS ON TRANSFER**
2 **OF ARTICLES ON THE UNITED STATES MUNI-**
3 **TIONS LIST TO CYPRUS.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that—

6 (1) the direct sale or transfer of arms by the
7 United States to Cyprus would advance United
8 States security interests in Europe by helping to re-
9 duce the dependence of the Government of Cyprus
10 on other countries for defense-related materiel, in-
11 cluding countries that pose challenges to United
12 States interests around the world; and

13 (2) it is in the interest of the United States—

14 (A) to continue to support United Nations-
15 facilitated efforts toward a comprehensive solu-
16 tion to the division of Cyprus; and

17 (B) for the Republic of Cyprus to join
18 NATO's Partnership for Peace program.

19 (b) MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION.—Section
20 620C(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
21 2373(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following
22 new paragraph:

23 “(3) The requirement under paragraph (1)
24 shall not apply to any sale or other provision of any
25 defense article or defense service to Cyprus if the

1 end-user of such defense or defense service is Cy-
2 prus.”.

3 (c) EXCLUSION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RE-
4 PUBLIC OF CYPRUS FROM CERTAIN RELATED REGULA-
5 TIONS.—Beginning on the date of the enactment of this
6 Act, the Secretary of State shall not apply a policy of de-
7 nial for exports, re-exports, or transfers of defense articles
8 and defense services destined for or originating in the Re-
9 public of Cyprus if—

10 (1) the request is made by or on behalf of Cy-
11 prus; and

12 (2) the end-user of such defense articles or de-
13 fense services is Cyprus.

14 (d) EXCEPTION.—This exclusion shall not apply to
15 any denial based upon credible human rights concerns.

16 (e) LIMITATIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF ARTICLES
17 ON THE UNITED STATES MUNITIONS LIST TO THE RE-
18 PUBLIC OF CYPRUS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The policy of denial for ex-
20 ports, re-exports, or transfers of defense articles on
21 the United States Munitions List to the Republic of
22 Cyprus shall remain in place unless the President
23 determines and certifies to the appropriate congress-
24 sional committees not less than annually that—

1 (A) the Government of the Republic of Cy-
2 prus is continuing to cooperate with the United
3 States Government in efforts to implement re-
4 forms on anti-money laundering regulations and
5 financial regulatory oversight; and

6 (B) the Government of the Republic of Cy-
7 prus has made and is continuing to take the
8 steps necessary to deny Russian military vessels
9 access to ports for refueling and servicing.

10 (2) WAIVER.—The President may waive the
11 limitations contained in this subsection for one fiscal
12 year if the President determines that it is essential
13 to the national security interests of the United
14 States to do so.

15 (3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
16 TEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appro-
17 priate congressional committees” means—

18 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations
19 and the Committee on Armed Services of the
20 Senate; and

21 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
22 the Committee on Armed Services of the House
23 of Representatives.

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