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S. 3477

To exempt humanitarian care packages sent to members of the Armed Forces stationed overseas from certain postal reporting requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 15, 2025

Mr. BLUMENTHAL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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 “Support Our Troops
5 Shipping Relief Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT BY UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE**
 2 **OF HUMANITARIAN CARE PACKAGES SENT**
 3 **TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES STA-**
 4 **TIONED OVERSEAS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 34 of title 39, United
 6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 3401
 7 the following:

8 **“§ 3402. Treatment of humanitarian care packages**
 9 **sent to members of the Armed Forces sta-**
 10 **tioned overseas**

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) ARMED FORCES.—The term ‘Armed
 13 Forces’ has the meaning given that term in section
 14 101(a) of title 10.

15 “(2) COVERED SHIPMENT.—The term ‘covered
 16 shipment’ means a shipment that—

17 “(A) is addressed to a military mail ad-
 18 dress or other destination authorized by the
 19 Secretary of Defense; and

20 “(B) consists of one or more humanitarian
 21 care packages.

22 “(3) HUMANITARIAN CARE PACKAGE.—The
 23 term ‘humanitarian care package’ means a parcel
 24 containing donated goods intended solely for the
 25 comfort, welfare, or morale of members of the
 26 Armed Forces at duty stations overseas.

1 “(4) MILITARY MAIL ADDRESS.—The term
2 ‘military mail address’ means an Army Post Office
3 (APO), Fleet Post Office (FPO), or Diplomatic Post
4 Office (DPO) address designated by the Secretary of
5 Defense for receipt of mail by members of the
6 Armed Forces stationed overseas.

7 “(b) DOMESTIC TREATMENT OF MILITARY MAIL.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Postal Service shall
9 treat any covered shipment as domestic mail for all
10 purposes, regardless of destination.

11 “(2) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 30 days
12 after the date of enactment of the Support Our
13 Troops Shipping Relief Act of 2025, the Postmaster
14 General shall prescribe regulations to carry out
15 paragraph (1).

16 “(3) SIMPLIFIED CUSTOMS DECLARATION RE-
17 QUIREMENT.—In implementing paragraph (1), to
18 the extent that the Postal Service requires a customs
19 declaration form for covered shipments, the Postal
20 Service shall accept a simplified customs declaration
21 form, which may list categories of contents (such as
22 ‘snack foods’, ‘personal hygiene items’, ‘letters and
23 cards’, or similar general descriptions) instead of the
24 classification under the Harmonized System or coun-

1 try-of-origin information for each article in the ship-
2 ment.”.

3 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

4 The table of sections for chapter 34 of title 39, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

“3402. Treatment of humanitarian care packages sent to members of the Armed
Forces stationed overseas.”.

