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To amend section 70108 of title 46, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of the Department in which the United States Coast Guard is operating from entering into an agreement relating to assessing the effectiveness of antiterrorism measures at a foreign port with any foreign government that is a state sponsor of terrorism, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 2023

Mr. GIMENEZ (for himself and Ms. SALAZAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “International Port Se-
3 curity Enforcement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FOREIGN PORT SECURITY ASSESSMENTS.**

5 Section 70108 of title 46, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (f)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “provided
9 that” and all that follows through the end and
10 inserting the following: “if—

11 “(A) the Secretary certifies that the for-
12 eign government or international organization—

13 “(i) has conducted the assessment in
14 accordance with subsection (b); and

15 “(ii) has provided the Secretary with
16 sufficient information pertaining to its as-
17 sessment (including information regarding
18 the outcome of the assessment); and

19 “(B) the foreign government that con-
20 ducted the assessment is not a state sponsor of
21 terrorism (as defined in section 3316(h)).”; and

22 (B) by amending paragraph (3) to read as
23 follows:

24 “(3) LIMITATIONS.—Nothing in this section
25 may be construed—

1 “(A) to require the Secretary to treat an
2 assessment conducted by a foreign government
3 or an international organization as an assess-
4 ment that satisfies the requirement under sub-
5 section (a);

6 “(B) to limit the discretion or ability of the
7 Secretary to conduct an assessment under this
8 section;

9 “(C) to limit the authority of the Secretary
10 to repatriate aliens to their respective countries
11 of origin; or

12 “(D) to prevent the Secretary from re-
13 questing security and safety measures that the
14 Secretary considers necessary to safeguard
15 Coast Guard personnel during the repatriation
16 of aliens to their respective countries of ori-
17 gin.”; and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(g) STATE SPONSORS OF TERRORISM AND INTER-
20 NATIONAL TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.—The Sec-
21 retary—

22 “(1) may not enter into an agreement under
23 subsection (f)(2) with—

24 “(A) a foreign government that is a state
25 sponsor of terrorism; or

1 “(B) a foreign terrorist organization; and

2 “(2) shall—

3 “(A) deem any port that is under the juris-
4 diction of a foreign government that is a state
5 sponsor of terrorism as not having effective
6 antiterrorism measures for purposes of this sec-
7 tion and section 70109; and

8 “(B) immediately apply the sanctions de-
9 scribed in section 70110(a) to such port.”.

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