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Mr. McCaul (for himself, Mr. Engel, Mr. Yoho, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Diaz-Balart, and Mr. Connolly) 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 "Taiwan Assurance Act
- 5 of 2019".
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 7 Congress makes the following findings:
- 8 (1) April 10, 2019, marks the 40th anniversary
- 9 of the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (Public Law
- 10 96–8).

- 1 (2) Since 1949, the close relationship between 2 the United States and Taiwan has benefitted both 3 parties and the broader Indo-Pacific region.
 - (3) The security of Taiwan and its democracy are key elements of continued peace and stability of the greater Indo-Pacific region, which is in the political, security, and economic interests of the United States.
 - (4) The People's Republic of China is currently engaged in a comprehensive military modernization campaign to enhance the power-projection capabilities of the People's Liberation Army and its ability to conduct joint operations, which is shifting the military balance of power across the Taiwan Strait.
 - (5) Taiwan and its diplomatic partners continue to face sustained pressure and coercion from the People's Republic of China, which seeks to isolate Taiwan from the international community.
 - (6) It is the policy of the United States to reinforce its commitments to Taiwan under the Taiwan Relations Act in a manner consistent with the "Six Assurances" and in accordance with the United States "One China" policy.
- 24 (7) In the Taiwan Travel Act, which became 25 law on March 16, 2018, Congress observed that the

1	"self-imposed restrictions that the United States
2	maintains on high-level visits" between the United
3	States and Taiwan have resulted in insufficient
4	high-level communication.
5	SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.
6	It is the sense of Congress that—
7	(1) Taiwan is a vital part of the United States
8	Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy;
9	(2) the United States Government—
10	(A) supports Taiwan's continued pursuit of
11	asymmetric capabilities and concepts; and
12	(B) urges Taiwan to increase its defense
13	spending in order to fully resource its defense
14	strategy; and
15	(3) the United States should conduct regular
16	sales and transfers of defense articles to Taiwan in
17	order to enhance its self-defense capabilities, par-
18	ticularly its efforts to develop and integrate asym-
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19	metric capabilities, including undersea warfare and
20	metric capabilities, including undersea warfare and air defense capabilities, into its military forces.
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- 1 national organizations, has, in many cases, resulted in
- 2 Taiwan's exclusion from such organizations even when
- 3 statehood is not a requirement, and that such exclusion—
- 4 (1) is detrimental to global health, civilian air
- 5 safety, and efforts to counter transnational crime;
- 6 (2) negatively impacts the safety and security
- 7 of citizens globally; and
- 8 (3) negatively impacts the security of Taiwan
- 9 and its democracy.
- 10 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
- 11 United States to advocate for Taiwan's meaningful par-
- 12 ticipation in the United Nations, the World Health Assem-
- 13 bly, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the
- 14 International Criminal Police Organization, and other
- 15 international bodies, as appropriate, and to advocate for
- 16 Taiwan's membership in the Food and Agriculture Orga-
- 17 nization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and
- 18 Cultural Organization, and other international organiza-
- 19 tions for which statehood is not a requirement for mem-
- 20 bership.
- 21 SEC. 5. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE TAIWAN
- 22 GUIDELINES.
- 23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
- 24 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
- 25 shall conduct a review of the Department of State's guid-

- 1 ance that governs relations with Taiwan, including the
- 2 periodic memorandum entitled "Guidelines on Relations"
- 3 with Taiwan" and related documents, and reissue such
- 4 guidance to executive branch departments and agencies.
- 5 (b) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Con-
- 6 gress that the Department of State's guidance regarding
- 7 relations with Taiwan—
- 8 (1) should be crafted with the intent to deepen
- 9 and expand United States-Taiwan relations, and be
- based on the value, merits, and importance of the
- 11 United States-Taiwan relationship;
- 12 (2) should be crafted giving due consideration
- to the fact that Taiwan is governed by a representa-
- tive democratic government that is peacefully con-
- stituted through free and fair elections that reflect
- the will of the people of Taiwan, and that Taiwan
- is a free and open society that respects universal
- human rights and democratic values; and
- 19 (3) should ensure that the conduct of relations
- with Taiwan reflects the longstanding, comprehen-
- sive, and values-based relationship the United States
- shares with Taiwan, and contribute to the peaceful
- resolution of cross-Strait issues.
- 24 (c) Reporting Requirements.—Not later than
- 25 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

- 1 Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on For-
- 2 eign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on For-
- 3 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report that
- 4 includes a description of—
- 5 (1) the results of the review pursuant to sub-6 section (a) of the Department of State's guidance on 7 relations with Taiwan, including a copy of the re-8 issued "Guidelines of Relations with Taiwan" memo-
- 9 randum; and

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(2) the implementation of the Taiwan Travel Act (Public Law 115–135) and any changes to guidance on relations with Taiwan that are the result of such implementation.

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