

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3187

To advance United States interests in the freedom of navigation by enhancing congressional oversight of freedom of navigation operations conducted by the Armed Forces of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 2017

Mr. YOHO (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Maritime Security Ac-
5 countability Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF ANNUAL UPDATE OF DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF DEFENSE FREEDOM OF NAVIGA-**
3 **TION OPERATIONS REPORT.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (b) of section 1275 of
5 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
6 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130 Stat. 2540) is amended
7 by adding at the end the following:

8 “(4) For each country identified under para-
9 graph (1) as making an excessive maritime claim
10 challenged by the United States under the program
11 referred to in subsection (a), the types and locations
12 of excessive maritime claims by such country that
13 have not been challenged by the United States, if
14 any, under the program referred to in subsection
15 (a).”.

16 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made sub-
17 section (a) takes effect of the date of the enactment of
18 this Act and applies with respect to each report required
19 to be submitted under section 1275 of the National De-
20 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 on or after
21 such date of enactment.

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