

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7675

To modify and extend the update of the Department of Defense Freedom of Navigation Report.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2020

Mr. BRINDISI (for himself, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. BALDERSON, and Mr. WALTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 “South China Sea Free-  
5 dom of Navigation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF UPDATE OF DE-**  
7 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE FREEDOM OF NAVI-**  
8 **GATION REPORT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 1275 of  
10 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year

1 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130 Stat. 2540) is amend-  
2 ed—

3 (1) by striking “an annual basis” and inserting  
4 “a biannual basis”; and

5 (2) by striking “the previous year” and insert-  
6 ing “the previous 6 months”.

7 (b) ELEMENTS.—Subsection (b) of such section is  
8 amended—

9 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by  
10 striking “the year” and inserting “the period”;

11 (2) in paragraph (1), by inserting “the number  
12 of maritime and overflight challenges to each such  
13 claim and” before “the country”;

14 (3) in paragraph (5), by inserting “have been  
15 protested by the United States but” before “have  
16 not been challenged”; and

17 (4) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(6) A summary of each excessive maritime  
19 claim challenged jointly with international partners  
20 and allies.”.

21 (c) FORM.—Subsection (c) of such section is amend-  
22 ed by adding at the end before the period the following:  
23 “and made publicly available”.

1           (d) SUNSET.—Subsection (d) of such section is  
2 amended by striking “December 31, 2021” and inserting  
3 “December 31, 2025”.

4           (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading of  
5 such section is amended by striking “**ANNUAL**” and in-  
6 serting “**BIANNUAL**”.

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