

To the office of U.S. Representative Ryan K. Zinke

Re: HR 8665 (119th Congress), Allied Defense Sales Act • Latest action (2026-06-09): Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
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Allied Defense Sales Streamlining Act of 2025

The measure, as described from the official record: The bill seeks to streamline and expedite U.S. defense equipment sales to allied nations to strengthen collective security and U.S. national defense posture.

THE PROPOSAL

This Act authorizes the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, to expedite review and approval of Foreign Military Sales (FMS) under the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) for designated allies, defined as NATO members, Israel, Japan, Republic of Korea, Australia, New Zealand, and Taiwan.

Expedited sales apply only to defensive articles and services valued under \$500 million per transaction, with a requirement for the President to certify in writing to Congress that each sale advances U.S. national security, complies with human rights standards under section 3(a) of the Arms Export Control Act, and does not undermine U.S. military readiness. Congress may disapprove any sale via joint resolution within 30 days.

The Department of Defense shall conduct annual audits of expedited sales to ensure end-use monitoring and prevent diversion. No new sales authority activates without quarterly reports to the House and Senate Foreign Affairs and Armed Services Committees detailing sales volume, recipients, and strategic benefits.

This Act sunsets after five years unless reauthorized, with total expedited sales capped at program funding limits.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS (VFA PROPOSAL)

Funding Source	Reallocation from existing Department of Defense Foreign Military Financing account (22 U.S.C. 2321h)
Funding Amount	\$2.5 billion cap over five years
Sunset Years	5 years
Oversight Body	Government Accountability Office (GAO), with semi-annual reports to congressional defense committees
Enforcement Mechanism	Presidential certifications subject to congressional joint resolution of disapproval; GAO audits with public summaries
Effective Date	October 1, 2025

CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS

- Article I, Section 8, Clause 1
- Article I, Section 8, Clause 3
- Article I, Section 8, Clause 11
- Article I, Section 9, Clause 7

Concerns with the measure as written:

- Lacks explicit funding caps, sunset provisions, and independent oversight, which could enable unchecked executive spending beyond strict Article I appropriations.

WHY BOTH SIDES CAN BACK IT (VFA'S ASSESSMENT)

Honors Democratic priorities of alliance strengthening, human rights certifications, and robust congressional oversight; honors Republican priorities of boosting U.S. defense industry jobs, fiscal cost caps, and executive efficiency in national security without new spending.

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