

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 to require a Caribbean border counternarcotics strategy, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. PADILLA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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 “Caribbean Border
5 Counternarcotics Strategy Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CARIBBEAN BORDER COUNTERNARCOTICS STRAT-**
2 **EGY ACT.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 702 of the Office of Na-
4 tional Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998
5 (21 U.S.C. 1701) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (15) through
7 (17) as paragraphs (16) through (18), respectively;

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (14) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(15) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each of
11 the several States of the United States, the District
12 of Columbia, and each territory or possession of the
13 United States.”;

14 (3) by amending paragraph (18), as redesign-
15 nated—

16 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (G)
17 and (H) as subparagraphs (H) and (I), respec-
18 tively; and

19 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (F)
20 the following:

21 “(G) activities to map, track, dismantle,
22 and disrupt the financial networks of drug traf-
23 ficking organizations, transnational criminal or-
24 ganizations, and money laundering organiza-
25 tions involved in the manufacture and traf-

1 “(II) state the specific roles and
2 responsibilities of each relevant Na-
3 tional Drug Control Program agency
4 for implementing the strategy;

5 “(III) identify the specific re-
6 sources required to enable the relevant
7 National Drug Control Program agen-
8 cies to implement the strategy; and

9 “(IV) be designed to promote,
10 and not hinder, legitimate trade and
11 travel.

12 “(ii) SPECIFIC CONTENT RELATED TO
13 PUERTO RICO AND THE UNITED STATES
14 VIRGIN ISLANDS.—The Caribbean Border
15 Counternarcotics Strategy shall include—

16 “(I) a strategy to prevent the il-
17 legal trafficking of drugs to or
18 through Puerto Rico and the United
19 States Virgin Islands, including meas-
20 ures to substantially reduce drug-re-
21 lated violent crime on such islands;
22 and

23 “(II) recommendations for addi-
24 tional assistance or authorities, if any,
25 needed by Federal, State, and local

1 law enforcement agencies relating to
2 the strategy, including an evaluation
3 of Federal technical and financial as-
4 sistance, infrastructure capacity build-
5 ing, and interoperability deficiencies.”.