

119TH CONGRESS
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) 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 “CMV-22 Reliability
5 and Readiness Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTEGRATION OF NACELLE IMPROVEMENT MODI-**
2 **FICATIONS INTO CMV-22 AIRCRAFT FLEET.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of the Navy may in-
4 tegrate nacelle improvement modifications into the CMV-
5 22 aircraft fleet to enhance operational readiness, reduce
6 maintenance burdens, and support contested logistics op-
7 erations.

8 (b) **IMPLEMENTATION OBJECTIVES.**—In carrying out
9 subsection (a), the Secretary of the Navy shall seek to—

10 (1) reduce aircraft downtime and increase reli-
11 ability through structural, wiring, and systems im-
12 provements;

13 (2) incorporate lessons learned and performance
14 data from the Air Force’s nacelle improvement mod-
15 ernization effort for CV-22 aircraft;

16 (3) ensure operational availability of CMV-22
17 aircraft platforms in support of distributed maritime
18 operations in the Indo-Pacific region; and

19 (4) sustain the specialized tiltrotor industrial
20 workforce and supplier base during the transition
21 from V-22 aircraft to future long range assault air-
22 craft production.

23 (c) **PRIORITY.**—In carrying out subsection (a), the
24 Secretary of the Navy shall prioritize nacelle improvement
25 modifications for CMV-22 aircraft produced or main-
26 tained in fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

1 (d) INDUSTRIAL BASE CONSIDERATIONS.—In car-
2 rying out subsection (a), the Secretary of the Navy shall
3 coordinate with relevant defense industrial base stake-
4 holders to preserve workforce capacity, maintain supply
5 chain continuity, and minimize production gaps.

6 (e) USE OF EXISTING FUNDS AND AUTHORITIES.—
7 The Secretary of the Navy shall carry out this section
8 using funds and authorities otherwise available to the Sec-
9 retary.

10 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

11 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit
13 to the congressional defense committees a report on—

14 (1) the status and scope of nacelle improvement
15 modifications implemented for CMV-22 aircraft;

16 (2) readiness and performance metrics com-
17 pared to pre-modification benchmarks;

18 (3) impacts to the industrial base and work-
19 force; and

20 (4) recommendations regarding further
21 sustainment, procurement, or legislative authority
22 needed for fleet-wide implementation.