

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300

OFFERED BY MR. CASTRO OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. __. UNITED STATES–CARIBBEAN STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT ACT OF 2025.

(a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—Section 2 of the United States–Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–291; 22 U.S.C 2151 note) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (5), by inserting “and firearms” after “curb the trafficking of illicit drugs”;

(2) in paragraph (6), by adding “and” at the end;

(3) by striking paragraphs (7) and (8);

(4) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (9) as paragraphs (12) and (13), respectively; and

(5) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following:

“(6) enhance efforts to investigate and prosecute the regional criminal organizations engaged in the lottery scams that afflict United States citizens;

“(7) advance cooperation on democracy and human rights, particularly in Cuba, Venezuela, and Nicaragua, at multilateral fora;

“(8) support regional adaptation and resilience to the effects of severe weather and natural disasters;

“(9) improve public health cooperation and infrastructure to mitigate health concerns and threats to the Caribbean region, including increasing professional exchanges, medical education, and United States exports of medical services, technology, and pharmaceuticals to prepare for pandemics and health emergencies, expand the accessibility of health services, and

reduce dependence on medical imports from malign actors in the region and elsewhere;

“(10) continue to support regional initiatives to advance food security throughout the Caribbean;

“(11) advance access to education and critical skills in the Caribbean region;”.’”.

(b) REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT UPDATED MULTI-YEAR STRATEGY FOR UNITED STATES ENGAGEMENT TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF INTERESTED NATIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN REGION.—Section 3 of the United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–291; 22 U.S.C 2151 note) is amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(1) by striking “this Act” and inserting “the United States–Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2025”; and

(2) by striking “a multi-year strategy” and inserting “an updated multi-year strategy”.