

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. LAMBORN OF COLORADO

At the appropriate place in title XVI, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 16 ____ . ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR SEA-LAUNCHED**
2 **CRUISE MISSILE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 30 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
5 Defense shall establish and commence implementation of
6 a nuclear sea-launched cruise missile program (referred to
7 in this section as the “SLCM-N Program”).

8 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the SLCM-N Pro-
9 gram shall be—

10 (1) to provide the United States with a needed
11 nonstrategic nuclear capability and make that capa-
12 bility available to the Department of Defense;

13 (2) to strengthen tailored deterrence of regional
14 adversaries; and

15 (3) to assure allies and partners of the United
16 States of the Nation’s commitment to their defense.

17 (c) ACTIVITIES.—Under the SLCM-N Program, the
18 Secretary of Defense shall—

1 (1) accelerate and conclude research and devel-
2 opment activities for nuclear sea-launched cruise
3 missiles and transition such missiles to the procure-
4 ment and fielding phases;

5 (2) conduct a concept of operations study to in-
6 form the fielding of nuclear sea-launched cruise mis-
7 siles aboard platforms identified by the Navy, includ-
8 ing the Virginia class submarine;

9 (3) designate the nuclear sea-launched cruise
10 missile as an Acquisition Category ID (ACAT ID)
11 program in accordance with Department of Defense
12 Instruction 5000.85, titled “Major Capability Acqui-
13 sition”, dated November 4, 2021; and

14 (4) ensure that the missiles developed under the
15 program achieve initial operational capability not
16 later than September 30, 2031.

17 (d) WARHEAD DEVELOPMENT.—Not later than 30
18 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
19 trator for Nuclear Security shall initiate phase 6.2 of the
20 nuclear sea-launched cruise missile warhead designated
21 W80–4 ALT.

22 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
23 tion shall be construed to supersede or otherwise alter the
24 organizational relationships and responsibilities of depart-
25 ments and agencies of the Federal Government regarding

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- 1 oversight and management of ongoing activities relating
- 2 to the nuclear sea-launched cruise missile.

