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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To provide the people of Cuba with access to food and medicines from the United States, and for other purposes.

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 “Cuban Food and Medi-
5 cine Security Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**
2 **ON TRADE WITH CUBA TO ALLOW FOR THE**
3 **EXPORT OF FOOD AND MEDICINES TO CUBA.**

4 Notwithstanding section 620(a)(1) of the Foreign As-
5 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2370(a)(1)) or any other
6 provision of law (except section 3 of this Act), the prohibi-
7 tion or restriction on trade or financial transactions with
8 Cuba shall not apply with respect to the export of any
9 food and other agricultural products (including fertilizer),
10 medicines, medical supplies, medical instruments, or med-
11 ical equipment, or with respect to travel incident to the
12 sale or delivery of food and other agricultural products (in-
13 cluding fertilizer), medicines, medical supplies, medical in-
14 struments, or medical equipment, to Cuba.

15 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON EXCEPTION TO ALLOW FOR THE EX-**
16 **PORT OF FOOD AND MEDICINES TO CUBA.**

17 Section 2 of this Act shall not apply—

18 (1) with respect to restrictions imposed under
19 section 5 of the Export Administration Act of 1979
20 for **[goods]** containing parts or components on
21 which export controls are in effect under that sec-
22 tion; and

23 (2) with respect to section 203 of the Inter-
24 national Emergency Economic Powers Act, to the
25 extent the authorities under that section are exer-
26 cised to deal with a threat to the national security

1 of the United States by virtue of the technology in-
2 corporated in such instruments or equipment.

3 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT RELATING TO EXPORT PRO-**
4 **MOTION AND CREDIT PROGRAMS FOR CUBA.**

5 Title IV of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7
6 U.S.C. 5661 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
7 the following:

8 **“SEC. 418. STUDY AND REPORT RELATING TO EXPORT PRO-**
9 **MOTION AND CREDIT PROGRAMS FOR CUBA.**

10 “(a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall carry out a study
11 of existing United States agricultural export promotion
12 and credit programs to determine how such programs can
13 be carried out to promote the consumption of United
14 States agricultural commodities in Cuba.

15 “(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
16 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall pre-
17 pare and submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the
18 House of Representatives and the Committee on Agri-
19 culture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report
20 containing—

21 “(1) the results of the study carried out under
22 subsection (a); and

23 “(2) proposed legislation, if any, to improve the
24 ability of the Secretary to utilize United States agri-
25 cultural export promotion and credit programs with

1 respect to the consumption of United States agricul-
2 tural commodities in Cuba.”.

3 **SEC. 5. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

4 Not later than 6 months after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the President shall transmit to the Con-
6 gress a report that sets forth—

7 (1) the extent (expressed in volume and dollar
8 amounts) of sales to Cuba of food and other agricul-
9 tural products (including fertilizer), medicines, med-
10 ical supplies, medical instruments, and medical
11 equipment, since the enactment of this Act;

12 (2) a description of the types and end users of
13 the goods so exported; and

14 (3) whether there has been any indication that
15 any medicines, medical supplies, medical instru-
16 ments, or medical equipment exported to Cuba since
17 the enactment of this Act—

18 (A) have been used for purposes of torture
19 or other human rights abuses;

20 (B) were reexported; or

21 (C) were used in the production of any bio-
22 technological product.

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