

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5535

AN ACT

To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 regarding energy diplomacy and security within the Department of State, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Energy Diplomacy Act
3 of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. ENERGY DIPLOMACY AND SECURITY WITHIN THE**
5 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 1 of the
7 State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
8 U.S.C. 2651a) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
10 graph (4); and

11 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “(3) ENERGY RESOURCES.—

14 “(A) AUTHORIZATION FOR ASSISTANT SEC-
15 RETARY.—Subject to the numerical limitation
16 specified in paragraph (1), there is authorized
17 to be established in the Department of State an
18 Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Re-
19 sources.

20 “(B) PERSONNEL.—The Secretary of
21 State shall ensure that there are sufficient per-
22 sonnel dedicated to energy matters within the
23 Department of State who shall be responsible
24 for—

25 “(i) formulating and implementing
26 international policies, in coordination with

1 Secretary of Energy, as appropriate, aimed
2 at protecting and advancing United States
3 energy security interests by effectively
4 managing United States bilateral and mul-
5 tilateral relations in the fields of petro-
6 leum, natural gas, biofuels, renewable en-
7 ergy, nuclear, and other energy resources;

8 “(ii) ensuring that analyses of the na-
9 tional security implications of global en-
10 ergy and environmental developments are
11 reflected in the decision making process
12 within the Department of State;

13 “(iii) incorporating energy security
14 priorities into the activities of the Depart-
15 ment of State;

16 “(iv) coordinating energy activities
17 within the Department of State and with
18 relevant Federal agencies;

19 “(v) working internationally to—

20 “(I) support the development of
21 energy resources and the distribution
22 of such resources for the benefit of
23 the United States and United States
24 allies and trading partners for their

1 energy security and economic develop-
2 ment needs;

3 “(II) promote availability of di-
4 versified energy supplies and a well-
5 functioning global market for energy
6 resources, technologies, and expertise
7 for the benefit of the United States
8 and United States allies and trading
9 partners;

10 “(III) resolve international dis-
11 putes regarding the exploration, devel-
12 opment, production, or distribution of
13 energy resources;

14 “(IV) support the economic and
15 commercial interests of United States
16 persons operating in the energy mar-
17 kets of foreign countries; and

18 “(V) support and coordinate
19 international efforts to alleviate en-
20 ergy poverty;

21 “(vi) leading the United States com-
22 mitment to the Extractive Industries
23 Transparency Initiative;

24 “(vii) coordinating within the Depart-
25 ment of State and with relevant Federal

1 departments and agencies on developing
2 and implementing international energy-re-
3 lated sanctions; and

4 “(viii) coordinating energy security
5 and other relevant functions within the De-
6 partment of State currently undertaken
7 by—

8 “(I) the Bureau of Economic and
9 Business Affairs of the Department of
10 State;

11 “(II) the Bureau of Oceans and
12 International Environmental and Sci-
13 entific Affairs of the Department of
14 State; and

15 “(III) other offices within the
16 Department of State.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 931 of the
18 Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42
19 U.S.C. 17371) is amended—

20 (1) by striking subsections (a) and (b); and

- 1 (2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
2 subsections (a) and (b), respectively.

Passed the House of Representatives July 25, 2018.

Attest:

Clerk.

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