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# H. R. 1004

To prohibit the introduction of United States Armed Forces into hostilities with respect to Venezuela, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2019

Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. JONES, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Mr. POCAN, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To prohibit the introduction of United States Armed Forces into hostilities with respect to Venezuela, 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 “Prohibiting Unauthor-  
5 ized Military Action in Venezuela Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON INTRODUCTION OF UNITED**  
2 **STATES ARMED FORCES INTO HOSTILITIES**  
3 **WITH RESPECT TO VENEZUELA.**

4 (a) **FUNDING PROHIBITION.**—None of the funds au-  
5 thorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available  
6 to the Department of Defense or to any other Federal de-  
7 partment or agency may be used to introduce the Armed  
8 Forces of the United States into hostilities with respect  
9 to Venezuela, except pursuant to—

10 (1) a declaration of war;

11 (2) a specific statutory authorization described  
12 in subsection (b); or

13 (3) a national emergency created by attack  
14 upon the United States, its territories or posses-  
15 sions, or the Armed Forces.

16 (b) **SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION DE-**  
17 **SCRIBED.**—A specific statutory authorization described in  
18 this subsection is an authorization that—

19 (1) meets the requirements of the War Powers  
20 Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.); and

21 (2) is enacted after the date of the enactment  
22 of this Act.

23 (c) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this Act  
24 may be construed to affect or alter the requirements of  
25 the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.) or

- 1 any restrictions or reporting requirements contained in
- 2 such Resolution.

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