

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
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Page 41, after line 5, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 7205. FINDINGS; CERTIFICATION.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) According to the International Energy
4 Agency—

5 (A) electric power vehicles require signifi-
6 cant amounts of copper, lithium, nickel, man-
7 ganese, rare earth elements, platinum group
8 elements, and cobalt; and

9 (B) the top producer of cobalt is the
10 Democratic Republic of the Congo.

11 (2) UNICEF and Amnesty International esti-
12 mate that 40,000 boys and girls work in mines
13 across the Democratic Republic of the Congo for up
14 12 hours a day and earn no more than 2 dollars a
15 day.

16 (3) The boys and girls working in mines in the
17 Democratic Republic of the Congo do not attend
18 school, they are beaten by security guards, and they

1 are exposed to high levels of cobalt, but are not
2 issued protective equipment.

3 (b) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Commerce
4 shall certify that none of the projects funded with these
5 dollars use minerals sourced or processed with child labor,
6 as such term is defined in Article 3 of the International
7 Labor Organization Convention concerning the prohibition
8 and immediate action for the elimination of the worst
9 forms of child labor (December 2, 2000), or in violation
10 of human rights.

