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H. R. 5302

To amend the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 establish a United States-Israel Operations-Technology Working Group and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. SCHNEIDER, and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida) 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

A BILL

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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 “U.S.-Israel Military
5 Technology Cooperation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF UNITED STATES-ISRAEL OPER-**
2 **ATIONS-TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION WITH**
3 **THE UNITED STATES-ISRAEL DEFENSE AC-**
4 **QUISITION ADVISORY GROUP.**

5 Section 1299M of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
6 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
7 (Public Law 116–283) is amended—

8 (1) by striking the section heading and insert-
9 ing “**ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES-**
10 **ISRAEL OPERATIONS-TECHNOLOGY WORKING**
11 **GROUP**”;

12 (2) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
13 lows:

14 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense,
16 in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall
17 take actions within the United States-Israel Defense
18 Acquisition Advisory Group—

19 “(A) to provide a standing forum for the
20 United States and Israel to systematically share
21 intelligence-informed military capability require-
22 ments;

23 “(B) to identify military capability require-
24 ments common to the Department of Defense
25 and the Ministry of Defense of Israel;

1 “(C) to assist defense suppliers in the
2 United States and Israel by assessing rec-
3 ommendations from such defense suppliers with
4 respect to joint science, technology, research,
5 development, test, evaluation, and production
6 efforts; and

7 “(D) to develop, as feasible and advisable,
8 combined United States-Israel plans to re-
9 search, develop, procure, and field weapon sys-
10 tems and military capabilities as quickly and
11 economically as possible to meet common capa-
12 bility requirements of the Department and the
13 Ministry of Defense of Israel.

14 “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
15 this subsection shall be construed as requiring the
16 termination of any existing United States defense
17 activity, group, program, or partnership with
18 Israel.”;

19 (3) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-
20 lows:

21 “(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES-ISRAEL
22 OPERATIONS-TECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP WITHIN
23 THE UNITED STATES-ISRAEL DEFENSE ACQUISITION AD-
24 VISORY GROUP.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
2 the date of the enactment of the National Defense
3 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, the Sec-
4 retary of Defense, in consultation with the appro-
5 priate heads of other Federal agencies and with the
6 concurrence of the Minister of Defense of Israel,
7 shall establish, under the United States vice chair-
8 man of the United States-Israel Defense Acquisition
9 Advisory Group, a United States-Israel Operations-
10 Technology Working Group to address operations
11 and technology matters described in subsection
12 (a)(1).

13 “(2) EXTENSION WITH RESPECT TO TERMS OF
14 REFERENCE.—The 1-year period under paragraph
15 (1) may be extended for up to 180 days if the Sec-
16 retary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary
17 of State, certifies in writing to the appropriate con-
18 gressional committees that additional time is needed
19 to finalize the terms of reference. Such certification
20 shall be made in unclassified form.”; and

21 (4) in subsection (d)(2), by striking “United
22 States-Israel Defense Acquisition Advisory Group”
23 each place it appears and inserting “United States-
24 Israel Operations-Technology Working Group”.

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