

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 8445

To amend title 38, United States Code, and the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the eligibility of United States citizens who serve in the Israeli Defense Forces for certain protections relating to such service.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2024

Mr. RESCIENTHALER (for himself and Mr. MILLER of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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. ELIGIBILITY OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS**  
4 **SERVING IN THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE**  
5 **FOR BENEFITS UNDER USERRA AND THE**  
6 **SCRA.**

7 (a) USERRA.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter IV of chapter 43  
 2           of title 38, United States Code, is amended by add-  
 3           ing at the end the following new section:

4   **“§ 4336. Treatment of service in Israeli Defense**  
 5                 **Forces**

6           “(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this chapter, to  
 7           the extent practicable, the service of a citizen of the  
 8           United States in the Israeli Defense Forces shall be treat-  
 9           ed in the same manner as service in the uniformed serv-  
 10          ices.

11          “(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe  
 12          such regulations as may be necessary to implement this  
 13          section.”.

14                 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
 15          tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended  
 16          by inserting after the item relating to section 4335  
 17          the following new item:

“4336. Treatment of service in Israeli Defense Forces.”.

18          (b) SCRA.—Section 104 of the Servicemembers Civil  
 19          Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 3914) is amended—

20                 (1) by striking “A citizen” and inserting “(a)  
 21          IN GENERAL.—A citizen”; and

22                 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 23          section:

24          “(b) SERVICE IN IDF.—A citizen of the United  
 25          States who is serving with the Israeli Defense Forces is

1 entitled to the relief and protections provided under this  
2 Act if that service is similar to military service as defined  
3 in this Act. The relief and protections provided to such  
4 citizen shall terminate on the date of discharge or release  
5 from such service.”.

6 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this  
7 section shall apply with respect to service performed on  
8 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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