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H. R. 4810

To authorize the Secretary of Defense to cooperate with Israel to develop directed energy capabilities to detect and defeat ballistic missiles, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2016

Ms. STEFANIK 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 Security
5 Cooperation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL DIRECTED ENERGY CO-**
2 **OPERATION.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH DIRECTED ENERGY**
4 **CAPABILITIES PROGRAM WITH ISRAEL.—**

5 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense,
6 upon the request of the Ministry of Defense of
7 Israel, and in consultation with the Secretary of
8 State, may carry out research, development, test,
9 and evaluation activities, on a joint basis with Israel,
10 to establish directed energy capabilities to detect and
11 defeat ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, unmanned
12 aerial vehicles, mortars, and improvised explosive de-
13 vices that threaten the United States, deployed
14 forces of the United States, or Israel. Any activities
15 carried out pursuant to such authority shall be con-
16 ducted in a manner that appropriately protects sen-
17 sitive information and the national security interests
18 of the United States and Israel.

19 (2) **REPORT.**—The activities described in para-
20 graph (1) may be carried out after the Secretary of
21 Defense submits to the appropriate committees of
22 Congress a report setting forth the following:

23 (A) A memorandum of agreement between
24 the United States and Israel regarding sharing
25 of research and development costs for the capa-

1 bilities described in paragraph (1), and any
2 supporting documents.

3 (B) A certification that the memorandum
4 of agreement—

5 (i) requires sharing of costs of
6 projects, including in-kind support, be-
7 tween the United States and Israel;

8 (ii) establishes a framework to nego-
9 tiate the rights to any intellectual property
10 developed under the memorandum of
11 agreement; and

12 (iii) requires the United States Gov-
13 ernment to receive semiannual reports on
14 expenditure of funds, if any, by the Gov-
15 ernment of Israel, including a description
16 of what the funds have been used for,
17 when funds were expended, and an identi-
18 fication of entities that expended the
19 funds.

20 (3) ANNUAL LIMITATION ON AMOUNT.—The
21 amount of support provided under this subsection in
22 any year may not exceed \$25,000,000.

23 (b) LEAD AGENCY.—The Secretary of Defense shall
24 designate the Missile Defense Agency as the appropriate

1 research and development entity and as the lead agency
2 of the Department of Defense in carrying out this section.

3 (c) SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.—The Secretary of De-
4 fense shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
5 gress on a semiannual basis a report that contains a copy
6 of the most recent semiannual report provided by the Gov-
7 ernment of Israel to the Department of Defense pursuant
8 to subsection (a)(2)(B)(iii).

9 (d) SUNSET.—The authority in this section to carry
10 out activities described in subsection (a) shall expire on
11 December 31, 2018.

12 (e) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
13 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
14 tees of Congress” means—

15 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
16 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on
17 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the
18 Committee on Appropriations, and the Select Com-
19 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

20 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
21 Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on
22 Homeland Security, the Committee on Appropria-
23 tions, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
24 ligence of the House of Representatives.

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