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# H. R. 5035

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Mr. BUDD (for himself and Mr. ZELDIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Hezbollah Kingpin  
5       Designation Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Since 2010, Lebanese-based Hezbollah has  
2       been linked with South American drug trafficking  
3       organizations.

4           (2) The Drug Enforcement Administration’s  
5       “Project Cassandra” has identified Hezbollah as a  
6       major supplier of cocaine into the United States.

7           (3) On January 11, 2018, Attorney General  
8       Jeff Sessions announced the creation of the  
9       Hezbollah Financing and Narcoterrorism Team to  
10      investigate individuals and networks providing sup-  
11      port to Hezbollah’s narcoterrorist activities.

12          (4) Michael Braun testified before the Com-  
13      mittee on Financial Services of the House of Rep-  
14      resentatives, on June 8, 2016, that “hundreds of  
15      tons of cocaine, over [a] 15-year period and move  
16      massive amounts of currency, hundreds of, millions,  
17      perhaps billions of dollars in currency around the  
18      world in the most sophisticated money laundering  
19      scheme that we have ever witnessed”.

20          (5) In 2011, the Drug Enforcement Adminis-  
21      tration indicted Ayman Saied Joumaa, a Lebanese-  
22      Colombian dual national, for using a global network  
23      of companies operating out of Latin America, West  
24      Africa, and Lebanon to launder as much as

1       \$200,000,000 a month in drug proceeds for Mexican  
2       and Colombian cartels.

3           (6) The House of Representatives passed H.R.  
4       3329, the Hezbollah International Financing Pre-  
5       vention Act, on October 25, 2017, to provide addi-  
6       tional resources to enforcement agencies to counter  
7       Hezbollah’s other criminal enterprises including  
8       money laundering.

9       **SEC. 3. DESIGNATIONS REQUIRED.**

10       (a) KINGPIN DESIGNATION.—Not later than 120  
11       days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Presi-  
12       dent shall, in accordance with the requirements for addi-  
13       tional determinations under section 804(h)(1) of the Intel-  
14       ligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (21 U.S.C.  
15       1903(h)(1)), determine whether Hezbollah is a “signifi-  
16       cant foreign narcotics trafficker”, as such term is defined  
17       for purposes of such section.

18       (b) TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION DES-  
19       IGNATION.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the  
20       enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to Con-  
21       gress a determination whether to designate Hezbollah as  
22       a “transnational criminal organization”, as such term is  
23       defined for purposes of the list of specially designated na-  
24       tionals and blocked persons maintained by the Office of

1 Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treas-  
2 ury.

3 **SEC. 4. ASSET REPORT.**

4       Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment  
5 of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall issue a  
6 report to the Committees on Financial Services and For-  
7 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
8 mittees on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and For-  
9 eign Relations of the Senate containing an estimate of the  
10 total assets under direct or indirect control by Hezbollah-  
11 linked leaders of political parties or movements who are  
12 located in the United States.

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