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# H. R. 5840

To state the policy of the United States with respect to the extended nuclear deterrence posture of the United States in support of NATO and to direct the Secretary of Defense to provide Congress a briefing on such posture.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2018

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mr. SARBANES) 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

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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. EXTENDED NUCLEAR DETERRENCE POSTURE**

#### 4 **IN SUPPORT OF NATO.**

5 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the  
6 United States to—

1           (1) maintain a modernized nuclear capability  
2           that provides for effective deterrence against peer,  
3           near-peer, and regional adversaries, consistent with  
4           the national security interests of the United States;

5           (2) extend the nuclear deterrent of the United  
6           States to deter aggression against close allies of the  
7           United States, including members of the North At-  
8           lantic Treaty Organization (NATO); and

9           (3) ensure the highest levels of reliability, credi-  
10          bility, safety, and security for all nuclear weapons of  
11          the United States, including those forward-deployed  
12          in support of NATO.

13          (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
14          of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
15          shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
16          House of Representatives and the Senate, and to any  
17          other congressional defense committee (as defined in sec-  
18          tion 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code) upon re-  
19          quest, a briefing regarding the current status of, and fu-  
20          ture plans for, the extended nuclear deterrence posture of  
21          the United States in support of NATO.

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