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H. R. 4929

To require the Secretary of State to submit a report on security threats in Lebanon, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MENG (for herself, Mr. ISSA, Ms. SHERRILL, and Mr. GARBARINO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Strategic Lebanon Se-
5 curity Reporting Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDRESSING SECURITY THREATS IN LEBANON.**

7 (a) REPORT ON THE LEBANESE ARMED FORCES, IM-
8 PLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL
9 RESOLUTION 1701, AND ADDRESSING SECURITY
10 THREATS IN LEBANON.—Not later than 90 days after the

1 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
2 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
3 port—

4 (1) identifying the extent of Hezbollah’s influ-
5 ence within the legislative, judicial, and financial in-
6 stitutions of Lebanon;

7 (2) describing military activities conducted by
8 the Lebanese Armed Forces (referred to in this sec-
9 tion as the “LAF”) to fully implement and comply
10 with United Nations Security Council Resolution
11 (UNSCR) 1701 (2006) and successor resolutions;

12 (3) describing the extent of Iranian and Syrian
13 influence in Lebanon, as well as the capability of
14 Hezbollah with respect to its stockpile of weapons;

15 (4) describing the capability of the LAF with
16 respect to defending Lebanon’s border from threats
17 from Syria; and

18 (5) describing the steps taken by the LAF to
19 prevent refoulement of Syrians back to Syria and
20 the gross violations of internationally recognized
21 human rights associated with the forced return of
22 refugees to Syria.

23 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
24 shall be submitted in an unclassified form but may contain
25 a classified annex if the Secretary of State determines

1 such is appropriate and if such classified annex is trans-
2 mitted separately from the unclassified report.

3 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
4 priate congressional committees” means—

5 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
6 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives; and

8 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
9 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

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