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H. R. 5302

To amend the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 establish a United States-Israel Operations-Technology Working Group and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 20, 2021

Mr. Wilson of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. Schneider, and Mrs. Murphy of Florida) 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 Military
- 5 Technology Cooperation Act".

1	SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF UNITED STATES-ISRAEL OPER
2	ATIONS-TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION WITH
3	THE UNITED STATES-ISRAEL DEFENSE AC
4	QUISITION ADVISORY GROUP.
5	Section 1299M of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry
6	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021
7	(Public Law 116–283) is amended—
8	(1) by striking the section heading and insert-
9	ing "ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES
10	ISRAEL OPERATIONS-TECHNOLOGY WORKING
11	GROUP";
12	(2) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
13	lows:
14	"(a) Requirement.—
15	"(1) In General.—The Secretary of Defense
16	in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall
17	take actions within the United States-Israel Defense
18	Acquisition Advisory Group—
19	"(A) to provide a standing forum for the
20	United States and Israel to systematically share
21	intelligence-informed military capability require-
22	ments;
23	"(B) to identify military capability require-
24	ments common to the Department of Defense
2.5	and the Ministry of Defense of Israel

- 1 "(C) to assist defense suppliers in the
 2 United States and Israel by assessing rec3 ommendations from such defense suppliers with
 4 respect to joint science, technology, research,
 5 development, test, evaluation, and production
 6 efforts; and
 - "(D) to develop, as feasible and advisable, combined United States-Israel plans to research, develop, procure, and field weapon systems and military capabilities as quickly and economically as possible to meet common capability requirements of the Department and the Ministry of Defense of Israel.
- "(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring the termination of any existing United States defense activity, group, program, or partnership with Israel.";
- 19 (3) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:
- 21 "(c) Establishment of United States-Israel
- 22 OPERATIONS-TECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP WITHIN
- 23 THE UNITED STATES-ISRAEL DEFENSE ACQUISITION AD-
- 24 VISORY GROUP.—

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"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the appropriate heads of other Federal agencies and with the concurrence of the Minister of Defense of Israel, shall establish, under the United States vice chairman of the United States-Israel Defense Acquisition Advisory Group, a United States-Israel Operations-Technology Working Group to address operations and technology matters described in subsection (a)(1).

- "(2) Extension with respect to terms of Reference.—The 1-year period under paragraph (1) may be extended for up to 180 days if the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, certifies in writing to the appropriate congressional committees that additional time is needed to finalize the terms of reference. Such certification shall be made in unclassified form."; and
- (4) in subsection (d)(2), by striking "United States-Israel Defense Acquisition Advisory Group" each place it appears and inserting "United States-Israel Operations-Technology Working Group".