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To ensure peace through strength in Israel by requiring a Department of Defense assessment of the quantity of precision-guided munitions and other munitions for use by Israel, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To ensure peace through strength in Israel by requiring a Department of Defense assessment of the quantity of precision-guided munitions and other munitions for use by Israel, and for other purposes.

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 “Ensuring Peace
5 Through Strength in Israel Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENSURING PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH IN ISRAEL.**

7 (a) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ASSESSMENT.—Sub-
8 section (b) of section 1273 of the John S. McCain Na-

1 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019
2 (Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat. 2066) is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 “(b) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ASSESSMENT OF
5 QUANTITY OF PRECISION-GUIDED MUNITIONS AND
6 OTHER MUNITIONS FOR USE BY ISRAEL.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 1,
8 2024, and annually thereafter through 2028, the
9 Secretary of Defense shall conduct an assessment
10 with respect to the following:

11 “(A) The quantity and type of precision-
12 guided munitions necessary for Israel to protect
13 Israel and prevail in the event of a sustained
14 armed confrontation between Israel and the Is-
15 lamic Republic of Iran and the proxy forces of
16 the Islamic Republic of Iran, including
17 Hezbollah and Hamas.

18 “(B) The quantity and type of other muni-
19 tions necessary for Israel to protect Israel and
20 prevail in the event of a sustained armed con-
21 frontation between Israel and the Islamic Re-
22 public of Iran and the proxy forces of the Is-
23 lamic Republic of Iran, including Hezbollah and
24 Hamas.

1 “(C) The quantity and type of precision-
2 guided munitions necessary for Israel to protect
3 Israel and prevail in the event of a sustained
4 armed confrontation between Israel and
5 Hezbollah.

6 “(D) The quantity and type of precision-
7 guided munitions necessary for Israel to protect
8 Israel and prevail in the event of a sustained
9 armed confrontation between Israel and any
10 other armed group or terrorist organization,
11 such as Hamas.

12 “(E) The resources the Government of
13 Israel would need to dedicate to acquire the
14 quantity and type of munitions described in
15 subparagraphs (A) through (D).

16 “(F) Whether, as of the date on which the
17 applicable joint assessment is completed, suffi-
18 cient quantities and types of munitions to con-
19 duct operations described in subparagraphs (A)
20 through (D) are present in—

21 “(i) the inventory of the military
22 forces of Israel;

23 “(ii) the War Reserves Stock Allies-
24 Israel;

1 “(iii) any other United States stock-
2 pile or depot within the area of responsi-
3 bility of United States Central Command,
4 as the Secretary of Defense considers ap-
5 propriate to disclose to the Government of
6 Israel; or

7 “(iv) the inventory of the United
8 States Armed Forces, as the Secretary of
9 Defense considers appropriate to disclose
10 to the Government of Israel.

11 “(G) United States planning—

12 “(i) to assist Israel to prepare for the
13 contingencies described in subparagraphs
14 (A) through (D); and

15 “(ii) to resupply Israel with the quan-
16 tity and type of munitions described in
17 subparagraphs (A) through (D) in the
18 event of such a contingency.

19 “(H) The quantity and pace at which the
20 United States is capable of pre-positioning, rap-
21 idly replenishing, or assisting in the rapid re-
22 plenishment of stockpiles of such munitions in
23 the inventory of the military forces of Israel
24 and the War Reserves Stock Allies-Israel in

1 preparation for, and to conduct, the operations
2 described in subparagraphs (A) through (D).

3 “(2) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the as-
4 sessment required by paragraph (1), the Secretary
5 of Defense shall consult with the Government of
6 Israel, provided that the Government of Israel
7 agrees to be so consulted.”.

8 (b) REPORT.—Subsection (c) of such section is
9 amended—

10 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “RE-
11 PORT” and inserting “REPORTS”;

12 (2) in paragraph (1)—

13 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
14 “IN GENERAL” and inserting “DEPARTMENT
15 OF DEFENSE ASSESSMENT”; and

16 (B) by striking “the President” and insert-
17 ing “the Secretary of Defense”;

18 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
19 paragraphs (3) and (4); and

20 (4) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
21 lowing new paragraph (2):

22 “(2) INVENTORY.—Not later than 90 days after
23 the date on which the report in paragraph (1) is
24 submitted, and every 90 days thereafter through De-
25 cember 31, 2028, the Secretary of Defense shall

1 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
2 a report on the actions being taken and the progress
3 made by the United States, since the date on which
4 the preceding report under paragraph (1) was sub-
5 mitted, to pre-position and ensure that the inventory
6 of the military forces of Israel and the War Reserves
7 Stock Allies-Israel have sufficient quantities and
8 types of munitions in preparation for, and to con-
9 duct, the operations described in subparagraphs (A)
10 through (D) of subsection (b)(1), including proce-
11 dures implemented by the United States for rapidly
12 replenishing, or assisting in the rapid replenishment
13 of, stockpiles of such munitions for use by Israel as
14 may be necessary.”.

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