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H. R. 9322

To require the Secretary of Defense to establish an initiative to bolster defense cooperation with Abraham Accords countries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PANETTA (for himself, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, and Mr. HARRIGAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

To require the Secretary of Defense to establish an initiative to bolster defense cooperation with Abraham Accords countries, 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 “Abraham Accords De-
5 fense Cooperation Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) ABRAHAM ACCORDS COUNTRY.—The term
2 “Abraham Accords country” means—

3 (A) a country that is a signatory of the
4 Abraham Accords Declaration, done at Wash-
5 ington September 15, 2020; and

6 (B) any regional, Arab, or Muslim-majority
7 country that has sought to normalize relations
8 with the State of Israel since 2020.

9 (2) INITIATIVE.—The term “Initiative” means
10 the United States-Abraham Accords Defense Co-
11 operation Initiative established under section 3(a).

12 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of Defense.

14 **SEC. 3. UNITED STATES-ABRAHAM ACCORDS DEFENSE CO-**
15 **OPERATION INITIATIVE.**

16 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
17 an initiative to bolster defense cooperation between the
18 United States and the militaries of covered countries, to
19 be known as the “United States-Abraham Accords De-
20 fense Cooperation Initiative”.

21 (b) RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—
22 The Initiative shall be carried out pursuant to the authori-
23 ties provided in title 10, United States Code.

24 (c) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Initiative
25 shall include—

1 (1) deterring aggression by Iran and proxies of
2 Iran in the Middle East;

3 (2) coordination with the Comprehensive Secu-
4 rity Integration and Prosperity Agreement; and

5 (3) enhancing regional planning and coopera-
6 tion among the military forces of covered countries,
7 particularly with respect to long-term regional
8 projects, such as—

9 (A) counter-unmanned aircraft systems ca-
10 pabilities;

11 (B) ground-based air defenses;

12 (C) theater ballistic missiles and cruise
13 missiles;

14 (D) intelligence, surveillance, and recon-
15 naissance and tactical command and control;

16 (E) special operations forces development;

17 (F) joint air or naval military exercises;

18 and

19 (G) any other military capability the Sec-
20 retary considers appropriate.

21 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
23 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
24 the House of Representatives a report setting forth—

1 (1) a strategy for achieving the objectives de-
2 scribed in subsection (c); and

3 (2) the amount of funding necessary to carry
4 out the Initiative.

5 (e) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON MATCHING FUNDS.—

6 It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary should seek
7 to require each participating covered country to contribute
8 matching funds to the Initiative.

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