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117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. _____

To provide for United States security cooperation with Bahrain.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JACKSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To provide for United States security cooperation with
Bahrain.

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 “Bahrain Security Co-
5 operation Improvement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON UNITED STATES SECURITY**
7 **COOPERATION WITH BAHRAIN.**

8 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) it is in the national security interest of the
2 United States to maintain a strong relationship with
3 Bahrain and support its military efforts;

4 (2) Bahrain has a critical role as host of the
5 United States Navy's Fifth Fleet and the United
6 States Naval Forces Central Command;

7 (3) Bahrain is a major defense and security co-
8 operation partner of the United States, as recog-
9 nized when the United States designated Bahrain as
10 a major non-NATO ally in 2002;

11 (4) there should be an increase in exchanges be-
12 tween defense officials and law enforcement of the
13 United States and Bahrain at the strategic, policy,
14 and tactical levels, especially for the purposes of—

15 (A) enhancing cooperation on defense plan-
16 ning;

17 (B) improving intelligence sharing to com-
18 bat terrorism; and

19 (C) improving interoperability between the
20 Ministry of Interior and the United States
21 Navy's Fifth Fleet;

22 (5) the United States should ensure Bahrain
23 has capabilities with regards to its air, missile, and
24 unmanned aerial system defense assets to support
25 peace efforts in the region;

1 (6) it is important for the United States to be
2 a source of consistent and reliable defense assets for
3 Bahrain;

4 (7) the United States should deepen interoper-
5 ability with Bahrain in defense capabilities, includ-
6 ing—

7 (A) maritime and air domain awareness;

8 (B) integrated air and missile defense sys-
9 tems; and

10 (C) counter unmanned aircraft system
11 measures;

12 (8) the Secretary of Defense should prioritize
13 including Bahrain in military exercises to the great-
14 est extent possible, increasing security cooperation
15 and readiness between Bahrain and the United
16 States; and

17 (9) it is in the best interest of the United
18 States and Bahrain to work together to oppose any
19 efforts of terrorism or radical extremism in the Mid-
20 dle East.

21 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON UPGRADING CAPABILITIES OF UNITED**
22 **STATES FIFTH FLEET.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
24 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
25 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-

1 port on upgrading the capabilities of the United States
2 Fifth Fleet to address emerging threats in the region of
3 the area of responsibility of the Fifth Fleet and any cost
4 associated with such capability upgrades. Such report
5 shall include an assessment of the efforts of the Depart-
6 ment of Defense to—

7 (1) increase exchanges between defense officials
8 and law enforcement of the United States and Bah-
9 rain at the strategic, policy, and tactical levels, espe-
10 cially for the purposes of—

11 (A) enhancing cooperation on defense plan-
12 ning;

13 (B) improving intelligence sharing to com-
14 bat terrorism; and

15 (C) improving interoperability between the
16 public security forces and the United States
17 Fifth Fleet;

18 (2) ensure that Bahrain has capabilities with
19 regards to its air, missile, and unmanned aerial sys-
20 tem defense assets to support peace efforts in the re-
21 gion; and

22 (3) deepen interoperability with Bahrain in de-
23 fense capabilities, including—

24 (A) maritime and air domain awareness;

1 (B) integrated air and missile defense sys-
2 tems; and

3 (C) counter unmanned aircraft system
4 measures.

5 (b) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-
6 FINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense
7 committees” has the meaning given that term in section
8 101 of title 10, United States Code.