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# H. R. 4230

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2021

Mrs. LURIA (for herself and Mr. ZELDIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## 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”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON THE LEBANESE ARMED FORCES, IM-**  
2 **PLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS SECU-**  
3 **RITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1701, AND AD-**  
4 **DRESSING SECURITY THREATS TO LEBANON.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
7 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees  
8 a report—

9 (1) identifying the extent of Hizballah’s influ-  
10 ence within the Government of Lebanon, including  
11 the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF);

12 (2) describing military activities conducted by  
13 the LAF to fully implement United Nations Security  
14 Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1701 (2006) and suc-  
15 cessor resolutions;

16 (3) describing the national security interests  
17 that United States assistance to the LAF addresses  
18 and how such assistance contributes to stability in  
19 the Middle East region; and

20 (4) describing the capability of the LAF with  
21 respect to defending Lebanon’s border from threats  
22 from Syria.

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

1 is appropriate and if such classified annex is transmitted  
2 separately from the unclassified report.

3 **SEC. 3. STRATEGY FOR UTILIZING UNITED STATES ASSIST-**  
4 **ANCE WITH RESPECT TO SUPPORTING IM-**  
5 **PLEMENTATION OF UNSCR 1701.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
8 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees  
9 a strategy on the following:

10 (1) Increasing, in comparison to prior years,  
11 the Government of Lebanon’s implementation of  
12 UNSCR 1701 with respect to promoting the LAF’s  
13 ability to extend the Government of Lebanon’s con-  
14 trol in the south of Lebanon, including establishing  
15 between the Blue Line and the Litani River an area  
16 free of any armed personnel, assets, and weapons  
17 other than those of the Government of Lebanon and  
18 of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon  
19 (UNIFIL), and the role of United States assistance  
20 in achieving such goal.

21 (2) Increasing the Government of Lebanon’s co-  
22 operation with UNIFIL with respect to the imple-  
23 mentation of UNSCR 1701, and how United States  
24 assistance can facilitate such increased cooperation.

1           (3) Increasing United States diplomatic engage-  
2           ment with the Government of Lebanon to prevent  
3           the building of cross-border tunnels into Israel and  
4           weapons factories inside Lebanon.

5           (b) FORM.—The strategy required by section (a)  
6           shall be submitted in an unclassified form but may contain  
7           a classified annex if the Secretary of State determines  
8           such is appropriate and if such classified annex is trans-  
9           mitted separately from the unclassified strategy.

10 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

11           In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
12           mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
13           House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign  
14           Relations of the Senate.

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