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# H. R. 5883

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2018

Mr. KEATING (for himself and Mr. POE of Texas) 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

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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 “Unexploded Ordnance  
5 Removal Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRATEGY FOR REMOVING UNEXPLODED ORD-**  
2 **NANCE IN SYRIA AND IRAQ.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense, in con-  
4 currence with the Secretary of State, shall develop and im-  
5 plement a strategy for removing unexploded ordnance in  
6 Syria and Iraq that includes the following:

7 (1) An assessment of the hazards posed by  
8 unexploded ordnance in Syria and Iraq, including  
9 with respect to U.S. strategic and military interests,  
10 the areas of concentration of unexploded ordnance,  
11 and schools, hospitals, or civil-service buildings that  
12 are proximate to unexploded ordnance.

13 (2) A detailed description and timeline for ac-  
14 tions to eliminate the hazards posed by unexploded  
15 ordnance in Syria and Iraq.

16 (b) **MULTILATERAL COORDINATION.**—In developing  
17 and implementing the strategy required under subsection  
18 (a), the Secretary of Defense is authorized to coordinate  
19 as appropriate with appropriate officials of foreign coun-  
20 tries and multilateral institutions.

21 (c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 270 days after the date  
22 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until  
23 December 31, 2021, the Secretary of Defense, in consulta-  
24 tion with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the con-  
25 gressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign  
26 Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign

1 Affairs of the House of Representatives a report that in-  
2 cludes—

3 (1) in the first such report, the strategy de-  
4 scribed in subsection (a), including—

5 (A) the results of the assessment described  
6 in subsection (a)(1);

7 (B) the description and timeline required  
8 by subsection (a)(2); and

9 (C) a description of contributions of for-  
10 eign partners in developing the strategy in ac-  
11 cordance with subsection (b);

12 (2) in subsequent reports, any updates from the  
13 previous report to such strategy, results, descrip-  
14 tions, or timeline; and

15 (3) the actions taken pursuant to the authoriza-  
16 tion under subsection (b) to implement such strat-  
17 egy, as so updated, through multilateral efforts.

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