

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2240

To authorize the Secretary of Defense to carry out a test of the Arrow 3 missile defense system with the Government of Israel, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2017

Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. MAST) 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

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 “U.S.-Israel Joint Mis-
5 sile Defense Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Israel faces grave threats from Iran,
2 Hezbollah, and Hamas, each of which are increasing
3 their capabilities and strength.

4 (2) On March 9, 2016, Iran’s Revolutionary
5 Guard Corps successfully launched two “Qadr H”
6 ballistic missiles at a target in southeastern Iran ap-
7 proximately 870 miles away, in violation of United
8 Nations Security Council Resolution 2231.

9 (3) According to Iran’s official news agency, the
10 missiles were inscribed with the slogan, “Israel
11 should be wiped off the earth.”.

12 (4) Iranian Brigadier General Ami Ali
13 Hajizadeh stated, “The reason we designed our mis-
14 siles with a range of 2,000 kilometers is to be able
15 to hit our enemy the Zionist regime from a safe dis-
16 tance.”.

17 (5) Tel Aviv is approximately 987 miles from
18 Tehran and likely within the operational capabilities
19 of Iran’s current missile technology.

20 (6) Iran conducted another test in January
21 2017.

22 (7) Hezbollah, designated by the Department of
23 State as a terrorist organization, has an arsenal of
24 approximately 120,000 to 150,000 rockets aimed at
25 Israel.

1 (8) Israel, with the August support of the
2 United States, developed the Arrow 3 missile defense
3 system to intercept and destroy long-range exo-at-
4 mospheric intercontinental ballistic missiles.

5 (9) On January 18, 2017, Israel placed into
6 service the first Arrow 3 interceptor after nearly a
7 decade of development.

8 (10) Further testing will be required to improve
9 the system, ensure accuracy, and validate the sys-
10 tem's capabilities.

11 (11) Israel and the United States plan to con-
12 duct a test during 2018 in the United States that
13 will cost approximately \$105,000,000.

14 **SEC. 3. TEST OF ARROW 3 MISSILE SYSTEM.**

15 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense may con-
16 duct a test of the Arrow 3 missile defense system, in con-
17 junction with the Government of Israel, to validate the ca-
18 pabilities of the system and improve the performance of
19 the system.

20 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—In addi-
21 tion to any funds authorized to be appropriated by section
22 1690 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
23 Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) or otherwise made avail-
24 able to the Secretary of Defense for the Arrow 3 missile
25 defense system, there is authorized to be appropriated to

1 the Secretary an additional \$105,000,000 for fiscal year
2 2018 to provide assistance to the Government of Israel
3 to carry out the test specified in subsection (a) in the
4 United States.

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