

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4335
OFFERED BY MR. LAWLER OF NEW YORK

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Abraham Accords De-
3 fense Against Terror Act”.

4 SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO ENHANCE SECURITY ASSISTANCE
5 WITH COUNTRIES THAT ARE ENGAGED IN RE-
6 GIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION EFFORTS
7 IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA.

8 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
9 United States to work with allies and partners to safe-
10 guard freedom of navigation, protect critical infrastruc-
11 ture, uphold basic principles of international law, and pro-
12 tect United States citizens from threats posed by Iran and
13 Iran-aligned entities in the Middle East and North Africa.

14 (b) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of State shall—

15 (1) identify countries that—

16 (A) have normalized diplomatic relations
17 with the State of Israel; and

1 (B) are engaged in regional security co-
2 operation efforts in the Middle East and North
3 Africa to combat threats posed by Iran and
4 Iran-aligned entities; and

5 (2) in order to meet the policy described in sub-
6 section (a), provide approval for the sale or lease, a
7 license or other approval for the export, or the trans-
8 fer of defense articles or defense services to coun-
9 tries identified by the Secretary under paragraph (1)
10 in accordance with the expedited approval provisions
11 of subsection (c).

12 (c) EXPEDITED APPROVAL PROVISIONS.—In the case
13 of a sale, lease, or transfer of defense articles or defense
14 services authorized under sections 36 and 38 of the Arms
15 Export Control Act, or a transfer of excess defense articles
16 under section 516(c)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
17 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j(c)(2)) to a country identified by
18 the Secretary of State under subsection (b)(1), the Presi-
19 dent shall—

20 (1) submit to Congress a certification described
21 in such sections, at least 15 calendar days before
22 sale, lease, license or other approval, or transfer of
23 the defense articles or defense services is approved;
24 and

25 (2) include in the certification—

1 (A) information on why the provision of
2 such defense articles or services is related to or
3 in furtherance of the policy described in sub-
4 section (a); and

5 (B) a summary of steps taken by the
6 United States Government to ensure that any
7 sensitive United States technology, information,
8 or capabilities that may be provided to such a
9 country by reason of the provision of such de-
10 fense articles or services are not acquired by—

11 (i) the People's Republic of China or
12 any entity owned or controlled by the Peo-
13 ple's Republic of China; or

14 (ii) the Russian Federation or any en-
15 tity owned or controlled by the Russian
16 Federation.

17 (d) STRATEGY.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180
20 days thereafter for a period of 5 years, the Secretary
21 of State shall submit to the appropriate congres-
22 sional committees, in writing, a strategy on the im-
23 plementation of this section.

1 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The strategy
2 required by this subsection shall include the fol-
3 lowing:

4 (A) An overview of the security threats
5 from Iran and Iran-aligned entities to both the
6 United States and the countries identified by
7 the Secretary of State under subsection (b)(1).

8 (B) A description and assessment of the
9 metrics and evaluation procedures used for im-
10 plementing the policy described in subsection
11 (a), including recommendations to improve mul-
12 tilateral cooperation between the United States
13 and such countries and among such countries.

14 (C) A description of the challenges to
15 achieving full interoperability between the
16 United States and such countries, including ef-
17 forts to address shared threats posed by Iran
18 and Iran-aligned entities.

19 (D) A description of measures to provide
20 such countries interim capabilities until the
21 cases described in section 2(c)(2)(B).

22 (E) A description and assessment of—

23 (i) the status of all pending sales of
24 defense articles or defense services over
25 \$25,000,000, including Letters of Request

1 and, where applicable, Letters of Offer and
2 Acceptance, beginning 5 years prior to the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, to such
4 countries pursuant to the provisions of law
5 specified in subsection (c);

6 (ii) a description of the delivery time-
7 frames for all pending sales of defense ar-
8 ticles or defense services over \$25,000,000
9 to such countries pursuant to the provi-
10 sions of law specified in subsection (c) and
11 any measures that could be taken to expe-
12 dite their delivery; and

13 (iii) recommendations to improve the
14 process for authorizing the transfer of de-
15 fense articles and services authorized
16 under sections 36 and 38 of the Arms Ex-
17 port Control Act to such countries, includ-
18 ing as it relates to delivery timeline.

19 (3) FORM.—The report required by this sub-
20 section shall be submitted in unclassified form but
21 may contain a classified annex.

22 (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

23 (A) the term “appropriate congressional
24 committees” means—

1 (i) the Committee on Foreign Affairs
2 of the House of Representatives; and

3 (ii) the Committee on Foreign Rela-
4 tions of the Senate; and

5 (B) the term “Iran-aligned entity”—

6 (i) includes an entity that—

7 (I) is controlled or significantly
8 influenced by the Government of Iran;
9 and

10 (II) knowingly receives material
11 or financial support from the Govern-
12 ment of Iran; and

13 (ii) includes—

14 (I) Hezbollah;

15 (II) the Houthis; or

16 (III) any other proxy group that
17 furthers Iran’s national security objec-
18 tives.

19 **SEC. 3. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

20 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as adversely
21 affecting Israel’s qualitative military edge, as defined in
22 section 36(h)(3) of the Arms Export Control Act (22
23 U.S.C. 2776).

