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H. R. 2646

To reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2017

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky,
Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was
referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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Cooperation Act of 2015, and for other purposes.

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 “United States-Jordan
5 Defense Cooperation Extension Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF UNITED STATES-JORDAN**
7 **DEFENSE COOPERATION ACT OF 2015.**

8 Section 5(a) of the United States-Jordan Defense Co-
9 operation Act of 2015 (22 U.S.C. 2753 note) is amend-
10 ed—

1 (1) by striking “During the 3-year period” and
2 inserting “During the period”; and

3 (2) by inserting “and ending on December 31,
4 2022” after “enactment of this Act”.

5 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

6 It is the sense of Congress that—

7 (1) Jordan faces threats to its security from on-
8 going regional instability in the Middle East, par-
9 ticularly from the ongoing conflict in Syria; and

10 (2) the Governments of the United States and
11 Jordan should negotiate a new Memorandum of Un-
12 derstanding, for fiscal years 2018 through 2022, to
13 significantly enhance Jordan’s military capacity and
14 local economy.

15 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ENTERPRISE FUND FOR JOR-**
16 **DAN.**

17 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

18 (1) In December 2011, Congress passed section
19 7041(b) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
20 2012 (Public Law 112–74; 125 Stat. 1223), which
21 appropriated funds made available under the head-
22 ing “Economic Support Fund” to establish an enter-
23 prise fund for Jordan.

24 (2) The intent of an enterprise fund is to at-
25 tract private investment to help entrepreneurs and

1 small businesses create jobs and to achieve sustain-
2 able economic development.

3 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF JORDAN ENTERPRISE
4 FUND.—The President is authorized to establish and op-
5 erate an enterprise fund to provide assistance to Jordan.

6 (c) PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS.—The provi-
7 sions contained in section 201 of the Support for East
8 European Democracy (SEED) Act of 1989 (22 U.S.C.
9 5421), excluding the provisions of subsections (a), (b), (c),
10 (d)(3), (f), and (j) of that section, shall be deemed to apply
11 with respect to the Jordan Enterprise Fund and to funds
12 made available to the enterprise fund in the same manner
13 and to the same extent as such provisions apply with re-
14 spect to enterprise funds established pursuant to such sec-
15 tion or to funds made available to such established enter-
16 prise funds.

17 (d) OPERATION OF FUND.—

18 (1) EXPENDITURES.—Funds made available to
19 the Jordan Enterprise Fund shall be expended at
20 the minimum rate necessary to make timely pay-
21 ments for projects and activities.

22 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more
23 than 3 percent of the funds made available to the
24 Jordan Enterprise Fund may be obligated or ex-

1 pended for the administrative expenses of the enter-
2 prise fund.

3 (e) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The Jordan Enterprise
4 Fund shall be governed by a Board of Directors comprised
5 of 6 private citizens of the United States and 3 private
6 citizens of Jordan who have pursued international busi-
7 ness careers and have demonstrated expertise in inter-
8 national and emerging market investment activities.

9 (f) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date
10 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until
11 the Jordan Enterprise Fund terminates in accordance
12 with subsection (h), the enterprise fund shall—

13 (1) submit to the appropriate congressional
14 committees a report detailing the administrative ex-
15 penses of the enterprise fund; and

16 (2) publish, on an Internet website adminis-
17 tered by the enterprise fund, each report submitted
18 pursuant to subsection (c) in accordance with sec-
19 tion 201(p) of the Support for East European De-
20 mocracy (SEED) Act of 1989 (22 U.S.C. 5421(p)).

21 (g) LIQUIDATION.—Prior to the distribution of any
22 funds resulting from any liquidation, dissolution, or wind-
23 ing up of the Jordan Enterprise Fund, in whole or in part,
24 the President shall submit to the appropriate congres-

1 sional committees a plan for the distribution of the assets
2 of the enterprise fund.

3 (h) TERMINATION.—The authority of the Jordan En-
4 terprise Fund to provide assistance shall terminate on the
5 earlier of December 31, 2022, or the date on which the
6 enterprise fund is liquidated in accordance with subsection
7 (g).

8 (i) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
9 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
10 mittees” means—

11 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
12 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
13 resentatives; and

14 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
15 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

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