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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense
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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “United States-Jordan
3 Defense Cooperation Extension Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) In December 2011, Congress passed section
7 7041(b) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
8 2012 (Public Law 112–74; 125 Stat. 1223), which
9 appropriated funds made available under the head-
10 ing “Economic Support Fund” to establish an enter-
11 prise fund for Jordan.

12 (2) The intent of an enterprise fund is to at-
13 tract private investment to help entrepreneurs and
14 small businesses create jobs and to achieve sustain-
15 able economic development.

16 (3) Jordan is an instrumental partner in the
17 fight against terrorism, including as a member of
18 the Global Coalition To Counter ISIS and the Com-
19 bined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Re-
20 solve.

21 (4) In 2014, His Majesty King Abdullah stated
22 that “Jordanians and Americans have been standing
23 shoulder to shoulder against extremism for many
24 years, but to a new level with this coalition against
25 ISIL”.

1 (5) On February 3, 2015, the United States
2 signed a 3-year memorandum of understanding with
3 Jordan, pledging to provide the kingdom with \$1 bil-
4 lion annually in United States foreign assistance,
5 subject to the approval of Congress.

6 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

8 (1) Jordan plays a critical role in responding to
9 the overwhelming humanitarian needs created by the
10 conflict in Syria;

11 (2) Jordan, the United States, and other part-
12 ners should continue working together to address
13 this humanitarian crisis and promote regional sta-
14 bility, including through support for refugees in Jor-
15 dan and internally displaced people along the Jor-
16 dan-Syria border and the creation of conditions in-
17 side Syria that will allow for the secure, dignified,
18 and voluntary return of people displaced by the cri-
19 sis; and

20 (3) the Governments of the United States and
21 Jordan should negotiate a new Memorandum of Un-
22 derstanding, for fiscal years 2018 through 2022, to
23 significantly enhance Jordan’s military capacity and
24 local economy.

1 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF UNITED STATES-JORDAN**
2 **DEFENSE COOPERATION ACT OF 2015.**

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

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

8 (2) by inserting “and ending on December 31,
9 2022” after “enactment of this Act”.

10 **SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF ENTERPRISE FUND FOR JOR-**
11 **DAN.**

12 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF JORDAN ENTERPRISE
13 FUND.—The President is authorized to establish and op-
14 erate an enterprise fund to provide assistance to Jordan.

15 (b) PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS.—The provi-
16 sions contained in section 201 of the Support for East
17 European Democracy (SEED) Act of 1989 (22 U.S.C.
18 5421), excluding the provisions of subsections (a), (b), (c),
19 (d)(3), (f), and (j) of that section, shall be deemed to apply
20 with respect to the Jordan Enterprise Fund and to funds
21 made available to the enterprise fund in the same manner
22 and to the same extent as such provisions apply with re-
23 spect to enterprise funds established pursuant to such sec-
24 tion or to funds made available to such established enter-
25 prise funds.

26 (c) OPERATION OF FUND.—

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

5 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more
6 than 3 percent of the funds made available to the
7 Jordan Enterprise Fund may be obligated or ex-
8 pended for the administrative expenses of the enter-
9 prise fund.

10 (d) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Jordan Enterprise
12 Fund shall be governed by a Board of Directors
13 comprised of private citizens of the United States or
14 Jordan, who—

15 (A) shall be appointed by the President, in
16 consultation with the chair and ranking mem-
17 ber of each of the appropriate congressional
18 committees; and

19 (B) have pursued international business
20 careers and have demonstrated expertise in
21 international and emerging market investment
22 activities.

23 (2) MAJORITY MEMBER REQUIREMENT.—The
24 majority of the members of the Board of Directors
25 shall be United States citizens.

1 (e) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until
3 the Jordan Enterprise Fund terminates in accordance
4 with subsection (g), the Board of Directors shall—

5 (1) submit to the appropriate congressional
6 committees a report detailing the administrative ex-
7 penses of the enterprise fund; and

8 (2) publish, on an Internet website adminis-
9 tered by the enterprise fund, each report submitted
10 pursuant to subsection (b) in accordance with sec-
11 tion 201(p) of the Support for East European De-
12 mocracy (SEED) Act of 1989 (22 U.S.C. 5421(p)).

13 (f) LIQUIDATION.—Any funds resulting from any liq-
14 uidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Jordan Enter-
15 prise Fund, in whole or in part, shall be returned to the
16 Treasury.

17 (g) TERMINATION.—The authority of the Jordan En-
18 terprise Fund to provide assistance shall terminate on the
19 earlier of—

20 (1) the date that is 7 years after the date of the
21 first expenditure of amounts in accordance with sub-
22 section (c)(1); or

23 (2) the date on which the enterprise fund is liq-
24 uidated in accordance with subsection (f).

1 (h) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—

2 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
5 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives; and

7 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
8 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

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Attest:

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