

116TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 6829

To authorize funding for a bilateral cooperative program with Israel for the development of health technologies with a focus on combating COVID-19.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 2020

Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Expanding Medical  
5 Partnerships with Israel to Lessen Dependence on China  
6 Act” or the “EMPIL–DOC Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. BILATERAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

8 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is  
9 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Health

1 and Human Services \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years  
2 2021 through 2023 for a bilateral cooperative program  
3 with the Government of Israel for awarding grants for the  
4 development of health technologies, including such tech-  
5 nologies described in subsection (b), subject to subsection  
6 (c), with an emphasis on collaboratively advancing the use  
7 of technology, personalized medicine, and data in relation  
8 to COVID-19.

9 (b) TYPES OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES.—The health  
10 technologies described in this subsection shall include  
11 technologies such as artificial intelligence, drugs and vac-  
12 cinations, respiratory assist devices, diagnostic tests, and  
13 telemedicine.

14 (c) RESTRICTIONS ON FUNDING.—The funding  
15 under subsection (a) is subject to a matching contribution  
16 from the Government of Israel.

17 (d) OPTION FOR ESTABLISHING NEW PROGRAM.—  
18 The amounts appropriated under subsection (a) may be—

19 (1) for a bilateral program with the Govern-  
20 ment of Israel that is in existence on the day before  
21 the date of enactment of this Act for the purposes  
22 described in such subsection; or

23 (2) for a bilateral program with the Govern-  
24 ment of Israel that is established after the date of  
25 enactment of this Act by the Secretary of Health

1 and Human Services, in consultation with the Sec-  
2 retary of State, in accordance with the Agreement  
3 between the Government of the United States of  
4 America and the Government of the State of Israel  
5 on Cooperation in Science and Technology for  
6 Homeland Security Matters, done at Jerusalem May  
7 29, 2008 (or a successor agreement), for the pur-  
8 poses described in subsection (a).

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