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To improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Ms. ROSEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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 Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that expeditious consider-
8 ation of certifications of letters of offer to sell defense arti-
9 cles, defense services, design and construction services,
10 and major defense equipment to the Hashemite Kingdom

1 of Jordan under section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control
2 Act (22 U.S.C. 2776(b)) is fully consistent with United
3 States security and foreign policy interests and the objec-
4 tives of world peace and security.

5 **SEC. 3. ENHANCED DEFENSE COOPERATION.**

6 (a) ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the 3-year period be-
8 ginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the
9 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan shall be treated as if
10 it were a country listed in the provisions of law de-
11 scribed in paragraph (2) for purposes of applying
12 and administering such provisions of law.

13 (2) COVERED PROVISIONS OF LAW.—The provi-
14 sions of law described in this paragraph are as fol-
15 lows:

16 (A) Subsections (b)(2), (d)(2)(B),
17 (d)(3)(A)(i), and (d)(5) of such Act (22 U.S.C.
18 2753).

19 (B) Subsections (e)(2)(A), (h)(1)(A), and
20 (h)(2) of section 21 of such Act (22 U.S.C.
21 2761).

22 (C) Subsections (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(6), (c),
23 and (d)(2)(A) of section 36 of such Act (22
24 U.S.C. 2776).

1 (D) Section 62(e)(1) of such Act (22
2 U.S.C. 2796a(e)(1)).

3 (E) Section 63(a)(2) of such Act (22
4 U.S.C. 2796b(a)(2)).

5 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPABILITIES.—

6 (1) REPORT.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph
8 (2), the Secretary of Defense shall, in coordina-
9 tion with the Commander of Central Command,
10 work cooperatively with the Minister of Defense
11 of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to estab-
12 lish or further capabilities for countering air
13 and missile threats from Iran and its terrorist
14 proxies, including the threat from unmanned
15 aerial systems, that threaten the United States,
16 Jordan, and other allies and partners of the
17 United States.

18 (B) PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE TECH-
19 NOLOGY AND INFORMATION.—The Secretary
20 shall ensure that any activities carried out
21 under this subsection are conducted in a man-
22 ner that appropriately protects sensitive tech-
23 nology and information and the national secu-
24 rity interests of the United States and the
25 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

1 (2) LIMITATION AND REPORT.—Activities may
2 not be carried out under paragraph (1) until after
3 the Secretary submits to the appropriate congress-
4 sional committees a report setting forth the fol-
5 lowing:

6 (A) A memorandum of agreement between
7 the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom
8 of Jordan regarding sharing of research and de-
9 velopment costs for the capabilities described in
10 clause (i) and any supporting documents.

11 (B) A certification that the memorandum
12 of agreement—

13 (i) requires sharing of costs of
14 projects, including in-kind support, be-
15 tween the United States and the
16 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan;

17 (ii) establishes a framework to nego-
18 tiate the rights to any intellectual property
19 developed under the memorandum of
20 agreement; and

21 (iii) requires the United States Gov-
22 ernment to receive semiannual reports on
23 expenditure of funds, if any, by the Gov-
24 ernment of the Hashemite Kingdom of
25 Jordan, including a description of what the

1 funds have been used for, when funds were
2 expended, and an identification of entities
3 that expended the funds.

4 (3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
5 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
6 propriate congressional committees” means—

7 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
8 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Com-
9 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

10 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
11 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Com-
12 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
13 resentatives.

14 (c) MIDDLE EAST INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE
15 DEFENSE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to section 1658 of
17 the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authoriza-
18 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–
19 263), the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation
20 with the Secretary of State and with the concurrence
21 of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, develop a
22 plan to bolster the participation of Jordan in a mul-
23 tinational integrated air and missile defense archi-
24 tecture to protect the people, infrastructure, and ter-
25 ritory of Jordan from cruise and ballistic missiles,

1 manned and unmanned aerial systems, and rocket
2 attacks from Iran and groups linked to Iran.

3 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than March 1, 2025,
4 the Secretary and the Commander of United States
5 Central Command shall provide the Committee on
6 Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
7 tions of the Senate and the Committee on Armed
8 Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
9 the House of Representatives a briefing on the
10 progress of the Department of Defense towards bol-
11 stering the participation of Jordan in a multi-
12 national integrated air and missile defense architec-
13 ture, and provide a list of requirements, with cost
14 estimates, for strengthening the defense of Jordan
15 within this architecture.

16 (d) SUNSET.—The authority in this subsection to
17 carry out activities described in subsection (b), and to pro-
18 vide support described in subsection (c), shall expire on
19 December 31, 2028.

20 **SEC. 4. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.**

21 Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Sec-
22 retary of State is authorized to enter into a memorandum
23 of understanding with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
24 to increase economic support funds, military cooperation,
25 including joint military exercises, personnel exchanges,

- 1 support for international peacekeeping missions, and en-
- 2 hanced strategic dialogue.

