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At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, add the following:

SEC. 1859. ADDRESSING SECURITY THREATS TO LEBANON.


(1) In general.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report—

(A) identifying the extent of Hezbollah’s influence within the legislative, judicial, and financial institutions of Lebanon;

(B) describing military activities conducted by the Lebanese Armed Forces (referred to in this section as the “LAF”) to fully implement United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1701 (2006) and successor resolutions;
(C) describing the extent of Iranian and Syrian influence in Lebanon, as well as the capability of Hezbollah with respect to its stockpile of weapons;

(D) describing the capability of the LAF with respect to defending Lebanon’s border from threats from Syria;

(E) describing the steps taken by the LAF to prevent refoulement of Syrians back to Syria and the human rights abuses associated with the forced return of refugees to Syria; and

(F) describing how wage support to the LAF furthers United States objectives in Lebanon, internal security, and the LAF’s ability to enforce United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1701 (2006).

(2) Form.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in an unclassified form but may contain a classified annex if the Secretary of State determines such is appropriate and if such classified annex is transmitted separately from the unclassified report.

(b) Strategy for Supporting Economic and Political Stability in Lebanon.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees an action plan to accomplish the following:

(A) Leverage the maritime demarcation agreement between Israel and Lebanon to support sustainable economic growth in Lebanon that supports the people of Lebanon.

(B) Support responsible, democratic governance and economic reforms in Lebanon.

(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.