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

SEC. 1859. ADDRESSING SECURITY THREATS IN LEBANON.

(a) Report on the Lebanese Armed Forces, Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701, and Addressing Security Threats in Lebanon.—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—

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

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

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

(5) describing the steps taken by the LAF to prevent refoulement of Syrians back to Syria and the gross violations of internationally recognized human rights associated with the forced return of refugees to Syria.

(b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) 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.

(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, 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.