

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To restrict the transfer of firearms to Israel by requiring that the Government of Israel give written assurance that such firearms will only be used for official military and law enforcement purposes.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**H. R. 815**

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements relating to the eligibility of veterans to receive reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished through the Veterans Community Care program, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. HIRONO) to the amendment (No. 1388) proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER)

Viz:

- 1       On page 61, between lines 12 and 13, insert the fol-
- 2       lowing:
- 3       **SEC. 709.(a) In this section—**
- 4               (1) the term “civilians” means individuals who
- 5       are not on active duty as members of the Israel De-
- 6       fense Forces or the Israel National Police; and

1           (2) the term “United States Conventional Arms  
2           Transfer Policy” means the United States Conven-  
3           tional Arms Transfer Policy described in National  
4           Security Memorandum/NSM-18, dated February 23,  
5           2023.

6           (b) None of the amounts appropriated or otherwise  
7           made available by this division may be obligated or ex-  
8           pended to facilitate the commercial export, foreign mili-  
9           tary sale, transfer, or delivery of any firearms, including  
10          pistols and semi-automatic and fully automatic rifles, to  
11          Israel, unless the Secretary of State certifies to Congress  
12          that the Secretary has received written assurance from the  
13          Government of Israel that—

14                (1) such firearms—

15                    (A) will be used only by active duty mem-  
16                    bers of the Israel Defense Forces and the Israel  
17                    National Police; and

18                    (B) will not be transferred to civilians;

19                (2) any such firearms used by activated re-  
20                serves of the Israel Defense Forces or the Israel Na-  
21                tional Police will be returned to the Israel Defense  
22                Forces or the Israel National Police once those re-  
23                serves have been deactivated; and

1           (3) such firearms will be used in accordance  
2           with United States law and the United States Con-  
3           ventional Arms Transfer Policy.

4           (c) Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-  
5           actment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary  
6           of State shall submit a report to Congress that describes—

7           (1) the number of firearms that have been  
8           transferred to the Israel Defense Forces and the  
9           Israel National Police since the date of the enact-  
10          ment of this Act;

11          (2) whether the firearms referred to in para-  
12          graph (1) were used by the Israel Defense Forces  
13          and Israel National Police in accordance with United  
14          States law and the United States Conventional Arms  
15          Transfer Policy;

16          (3) any cases in which the firearms referred to  
17          in paragraph (1) were used in violation of United  
18          States law and the Conventional Arms Transfer Pol-  
19          icy during the period covered by the report;

20          (4) the number of firearms have been trans-  
21          ferred to civilians in violation of United States law  
22          and policy since the date of the enactment of this  
23          Act;

24          (5) where and to whom the firearms referred to  
25          in paragraph (4) were ultimately delivered; and

1           (6) whether the firearms referred to in para-  
2           graph (4) were used in documented cases of violence  
3           by Israeli settlers in the West Bank.