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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Zeldin introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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 “Countering Hizballah
5 in Lebanon’s Military Act of 2019”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. REPORT ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LEBANESE ARMED FORCES AND HIZBALLAH.

(a) In General.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit a report to Congress—

(1) identifying all military officers, commanders, advisors, officials, or other personnel with significant influence over the policies or activities of the Lebanese Armed Forces who are members of, paid by, or significantly influenced by Hizballah; and

(2) describing military activities conducted by the Lebanese Armed Forces to disarm Hizballah pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1701 (2006).

(b) Form.—The report required by section (a) shall be submitted in an unclassified form but may have a classified annex.

SEC. 3. RESTRICTION ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE.

(a) In General.—Of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for security assistance for the Government of Lebanon for a fiscal year, 20 percent may not be obligated or expended for such purpose until the President certifies to Congress that—

(1) the Lebanese Armed Forces has taken measurable steps in the last year to limit the influ-
ence or expel anyone identified pursuant to section 2(a)(1);

(2) the activities described pursuant to section 2(a)(2) demonstrate a serious commitment by the Lebanese Armed Forces to fulfill its obligation to disarm Hizballah pursuant to UNSCR 1701; and

(3) the Lebanese Armed Forces have not cooperated, coordinated, or partnered with Hizballah in any operation, campaign, or military exercise during the last year.

(b) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—The President may waive the certification requirements under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) if the President certifies to Congress that it is in the national security interest of the United States.