

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To authorize funding for a bilateral cooperative program with Israel for the development of health technologies with a focus on combating COVID-19.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. COONS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Expanding Medical
5 Partnerships with Israel to Lessen Dependence on China
6 Act” or the “EMPIL-DOC Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. BILATERAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Health

1 and Human Services \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years
2 2021 through 2023 for a bilateral cooperative program
3 with the Government of Israel for awarding grants for the
4 development of health technologies, including such tech-
5 nologies described in subsection (b), subject to subsection
6 (c), with an emphasis on collaboratively advancing the use
7 of technology, personalized medicine, and data in relation
8 to COVID-19.

9 (b) TYPES OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES.—The health
10 technologies described in this subsection shall include
11 technologies such as artificial intelligence, sensors, moni-
12 toring devices, drugs and vaccinations, respiratory assist
13 devices, diagnostic tests, telemedicine, and remote moni-
14 toring.

15 (c) RESTRICTIONS ON FUNDING.—The funding
16 under subsection (a) is subject to a matching contribution
17 from the Government of Israel.

18 (d) OPTION FOR ESTABLISHING NEW PROGRAM.—
19 The amounts appropriated under subsection (a) may be—

20 (1) for a bilateral program with the Govern-
21 ment of Israel that is in existence on the day before
22 the date of enactment of this Act for the purposes
23 described in such subsection; or

24 (2) for a bilateral program with the Govern-
25 ment of Israel that is established after the date of

1 enactment of this Act by the Secretary of Health
2 and Human Services, in consultation with the Sec-
3 retary of State, in accordance with the Agreement
4 between the Government of the United States of
5 America and the Government of the State of Israel
6 on Cooperation in Science and Technology for
7 Homeland Security Matters, done at Jerusalem May
8 29, 2008 (or a successor agreement), for the pur-
9 poses described in subsection (a).