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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. RESCHENTHALER 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,
SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS SERVING IN THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE FOR BENEFITS UNDER USERRA AND THE SCRA.

(a) USERRA.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter IV of chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 4336. Treatment of service in Israeli Defense Forces

“(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this chapter, to the extent practicable, the service of a citizen of the United States in the Israeli Defense Forces shall be treated in the same manner as service in the uniformed services.

“(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to implement this section.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 4335 the following new item:

“4336. Treatment of service in Israeli Defense Forces.”.

(b) SCRA.—Section 104 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 3914) is amended—
(1) by striking “A citizen” and inserting “(a)

IN GENERAL.—A citizen”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-

section:

“(b) SERVICE IN IDF.—A citizen of the United

States who is serving with the Israeli Defense Forces is

entitled to the relief and protections provided under this

Act if that service with is similar to military service as

defined in this Act. The relief and protections provided

to such citizen shall terminate on the date of discharge

or release from such service.”.

(c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this

section shall apply with respect to service performed on

or after the date of the enactment of this Act.