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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS**
2 **SERVING IN THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCE**
3 **FOR BENEFITS UNDER USERRA AND THE**
4 **SCRA.**

5 (a) USERRA.—

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

9 **“§ 4336. Treatment of service in Israeli Defense**
10 **Forces**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this chapter, to
12 the extent practicable, the service of a citizen of the
13 United States in the Israeli Defense Forces shall be treat-
14 ed in the same manner as service in the uniformed serv-
15 ices.

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

19 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
20 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
21 by inserting after the item relating to section 4335
22 the following new item:

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

23 (b) SCRA.—Section 104 of the Servicemembers Civil
24 Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 3914) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “A citizen” and inserting “(a)
2 IN GENERAL.—A citizen”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(b) SERVICE IN IDF.—A citizen of the United
6 States who is serving with the Israeli Defense Forces is
7 entitled to the relief and protections provided under this
8 Act if that service with is similar to military service as
9 defined in this Act. The relief and protections provided
10 to such citizen shall terminate on the date of discharge
11 or release from such service.”.

12 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
13 section shall apply with respect to service performed on
14 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.