

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.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. COONS, Ms. MCSALLY, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**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”.

1 **SEC. 2. BILATERAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

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

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

18 (c) RESTRICTIONS ON FUNDING.—The funding  
19 under subsection (a) is subject to a matching contribution  
20 from the Government of Israel.

21 (d) OPTION FOR ESTABLISHING NEW PROGRAM.—  
22 The amounts appropriated under subsection (a) may be—  
23 (1) for a bilateral program with the Govern-  
24 ment of Israel that is in existence on the day before  
25 the date of enactment of this Act for the purposes  
26 described in such subsection; or

1           (2) for a bilateral program with the Govern-  
2           ment of Israel that is established after the date of  
3           enactment of this Act by the Secretary of Health  
4           and Human Services, in consultation with the Sec-  
5           retary of State, in accordance with the Agreement  
6           between the Government of the United States of  
7           America and the Government of the State of Israel  
8           on Cooperation in Science and Technology for  
9           Homeland Security Matters, done at Jerusalem May  
10          29, 2008 (or a successor agreement), for the pur-  
11          poses described in subsection (a).