

(B) the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

**(2) Qualitative military edge**

The term “qualitative military edge” has the meaning given the term in section 2776(h)(2)<sup>1</sup> of this title.

(Pub. L. 112–150, § 7, July 27, 2012, 126 Stat. 1149.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 112–150, July 27, 2012, 126 Stat. 1146, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 8601 of this title and Tables.

Section 2776(h)(2) of this title, referred to in par. (2), was redesignated section 2776(h)(3) of this title by Pub. L. 113–296, § 11(b)(1), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 4078.

**§ 8606. United States-Israel cooperation on energy, water, homeland security, agriculture, and alternative fuel technologies**

**(a) In general**

The President is authorized, subject to existing law—

- (1) to undertake activities in cooperation with Israel; and
- (2) to provide assistance promoting cooperation in the fields of energy, water, agriculture, and alternative fuel technologies.

**(b) Requirements**

In carrying out subsection (a), the President is authorized, subject to existing requirements of law and any applicable agreements or understandings between the United States and Israel—

- (1) to share and exchange with Israel research, technology, intelligence, information, equipment, and personnel, including through sales, leases, or exchanges in kind, that the President determines will advance the national security interests of the United States and are consistent with the Strategic Dialogue and pertinent provisions of law; and
- (2) to enhance scientific cooperation between Israel and the United States.

**(c) Cooperative research pilot programs**

The Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Director of the Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency and with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, is authorized, subject to existing law, to enter into cooperative research pilot programs with Israel to enhance Israel’s capabilities in—

- (1) border, maritime, and aviation security;
- (2) explosives detection; and
- (3) emergency services.

(Pub. L. 113–296, § 7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 4077.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2014, and not as part of the United States-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation Act of 2012 which comprises this chapter.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

CONSTRUCTIVE REGIONAL ENERGY COOPERATION

Pub. L. 113–296, § 12(c)(2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 4081, provided that: “The Secretary of State shall continue the ongoing diplomacy efforts of the Secretary of State in—

- “(A) engaging and supporting the energy security of Israel; and
- “(B) promoting constructive regional energy cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean.”

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## § 8701. Definitions

Except as otherwise specifically provided, in this Act:

**(1) Appropriate congressional committees**

The term “appropriate congressional committees” has the meaning given that term in section 14 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

**(2) Financial transaction**

The term “financial transaction” means any transfer of value involving a financial institution, including the transfer of forwards, futures, options, swaps, or precious metals, including gold, silver, platinum, and palladium.

**(3) Knowingly**

The term “knowingly” has the meaning given that term in section 14 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

**(4) United States person**

The term “United States person” has the meaning given that term in section 8511 of this title.

(Pub. L. 112–158, §2, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1216.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 112–158, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1214, known as the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

## SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 112–158, §1(a), Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1214, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter and sec-

tions 8513b, 8514a, and 8514b of this title, amending sections 8511, 8513, 8513a, 8518, 8532, 8551 of this title, section 78m of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, and section 1610 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure, enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and sections 8513 and 8513a of this title, section 78m of Title 15, and section 1701 of Title 50, War and National Defense, and amending provisions set out as notes under section 1610 of Title 28 and section 1701 of Title 50] may be cited as the ‘Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012.’”

Pub. L. 112–158, title VII, §701, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1265, provided that: “This title [enacting subchapter VII of this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Syria Human Rights Accountability Act of 2012.’”

## REPORTS ON NUCLEAR PROGRAM OF IRAN

Pub. L. 113–291, div. A, title XII, §1271, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3588, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 19, 2014], the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the interim agreement relating to the nuclear program of Iran. Such report shall include—

“(1) verification of whether Iran is complying with such agreement; and

“(2) an assessment of the overall state of the nuclear program of Iran.

“(b) ADDITIONAL REPORTS.—If the interim agreement described in subsection (a) is renewed or if a comprehensive and final agreement is entered into regarding the nuclear program of Iran, by not later than 90 days after such renewal or final agreement being entered into, and every 180 days thereafter, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on such renewed or final agreement. Such report shall include the matters described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a).

“(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means—

“(1) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

“(2) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

“(d) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the date that is 10 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.”

## COUNTERING IRAN IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Pub. L. 112–220, Dec. 28, 2012, 126 Stat. 1596, provided that:

## “SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

“This Act may be cited as the ‘Countering Iran in the Western Hemisphere Act of 2012’.

## “SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

“Congress finds the following:

“(1) The United States has vital political, economic, and security interests in the Western Hemisphere.

“(2) Iran is pursuing cooperation with Latin American countries by signing economic and security agreements in order to create a network of diplomatic and economic relationships to lessen the blow of international sanctions and oppose Western attempts to constrict its ambitions.

“(3) According to the Department of State, Hezbollah, with Iran as its state sponsor, is considered the ‘most technically capable terrorist group in the world’ with ‘thousands of supporters, several thousand members, and a few hundred terrorist operatives,’ and officials from the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Qods Force have been working in concert with Hezbollah for many years.

“(4) The IRGC’s Qods Force has a long history of supporting Hezbollah’s military, paramilitary, and