

115TH CONGRESS
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To recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. RUBIO) 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 "Jerusalem Embassy
5 and Recognition Act".

1 **SEC. 2. RECOGNITION OF JERUSALEM AS THE CAPITAL OF**
2 **ISRAEL AND RELOCATION OF THE UNITED**
3 **STATES EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM.**

4 (a) **STATEMENT OF POLICY.**—It should be the policy
5 of the United States to recognize Jerusalem as the undi-
6 vided capital of the State of Israel, both *de jure* and *de*
7 *facto*.

8 (b) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Con-
9 gress that—

10 (1) Jerusalem must remain an undivided city in
11 which the rights of every ethnic and religious group
12 are protected as they have been by Israel since
13 1967;

14 (2) every citizen of Israel should have the right
15 to reside anywhere in the undivided city of Jeru-
16 salem;

17 (3) the President and the Secretary of State
18 should publicly affirm as a matter of United States
19 policy that Jerusalem must remain the undivided
20 capital of the State of Israel;

21 (4) the President should immediately implement
22 the provisions of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of
23 1995 (Public Law 104-45) and begin the process of
24 relocating the United States Embassy in Israel to
25 Jerusalem;

1 (5) United States officials should refrain from
2 any actions that contradict United States law on
3 this subject; and

4 (6) any official document of the United States
5 Government which lists countries and their capital
6 cities should identify Jerusalem as the capital of
7 Israel.

8 (e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “United
9 States Embassy” means the offices of the United States
10 diplomatic mission and the residence of the United States
11 chief of mission.

12 (d) AMENDMENT OF WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Je-
13 rusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–45) is
14 amended—

15 (1) by striking section 7; and

16 (2) by redesignating section 8 as section 7.

17 (e) RESTRICTION ON FUNDING SUBJECT TO OPEN-
18 ING DETERMINATION.—Not more than 50 percent of the
19 amounts appropriated to the Department of State for fis-
20 cal year 2017 under the heading “Embassy Security, Con-
21 struction, and Maintenance” may be obligated until the
22 Secretary of State determines and reports to Congress
23 that the United States Embassy in Jerusalem has offi-
24 cially opened.

25 (f) FUNDING.—

1 (1) FISCAL YEAR 2018.—Of the amounts au-
2 thorized to be appropriated under the heading “Em-
3 bassy Security, Construction, and Maintenance” for
4 the Department of State for fiscal year 2018, such
5 sums as may be necessary should be made available
6 until expended only for construction and other costs
7 associated with the establishment of the United
8 States Embassy in Jerusalem.

9 (2) FISCAL YEAR 2019.—Of the amounts au-
10 thorized to be appropriated under the heading “Em-
11 bassy Security, Construction, and Maintenance” for
12 the Department of State for fiscal year 2019, such
13 sums as may be necessary should be made available
14 until expended only for construction and other costs
15 associated with the establishment of the United
16 States Embassy in Jerusalem.

17 **SEC. 3. IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.**

18 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
19 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a
20 report to Congress that—

21 (1) details the Department of State’s plan to
22 implement this Act;

23 (2) includes estimated dates of completion for
24 each phase of the establishment of the United States
25 Embassy, including—

- 1 (A) site identification;
- 2 (B) land acquisition;
- 3 (C) architectural, engineering, and con-
- 4 struction surveys;
- 5 (D) site preparation; and
- 6 (E) construction; and
- 7 (3) includes an estimate of the funding needed
- 8 to implement this Act, including all costs associated
- 9 with establishing the United States Embassy in Je-
- 10 rusalem.