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H. R. 2795

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a study on the circumstances which may impact the effectiveness and availability of first responders before, during, or after a terrorist threat or event.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 16, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. BASS, Ms. LEE, Mr. HINOJOSA, and Mr. PALLONE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “First Responder Iden-
5 tification of Emergency Needs in Disaster Situations” or
6 the “FRIENDS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MAY IMPACT FIRST RE-**
2 **SPONDERS DURING A TERRORIST EVENT.**

3 Not later than 260 days after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
5 submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the
6 House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-
7 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a
8 report on factors that would result in first responders fail-
9 ing to meet expectations based upon training and planning
10 for terrorist incidents. The report—

11 (1) may include information on first responder
12 performance and availability before, during, or after
13 a terrorist threat or event; and

14 (2) shall—

15 (A) include first responder input on how
16 the presence of family in the impacted area, the
17 adequacy of personal protective equipment, and
18 training gaps may influence performance and
19 availability; and

20 (B) contain recommendations to the Com-
21 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of
22 Representatives and the Committee on Home-
23 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the
24 Senate.

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