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To enhance cybersecurity information sharing and coordination at ports in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TORRES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To enhance cybersecurity information sharing and coordination at ports in the United States, and for other purposes.

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 “Strengthening Cyber-
5 security Information Sharing and Coordination in Our
6 Ports Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENHANCING CYBERSECURITY SITUATIONAL**
2 **AWARENESS AND INFORMATION SHARING.**

3 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall
5 seek to enhance cybersecurity situational awareness and
6 information sharing between and with maritime security
7 stakeholders, by—

8 (1) directing the Under Secretary responsible
9 for overseeing critical infrastructure protection, cy-
10 bersecurity, and other related programs of the De-
11 partment of Homeland Security, in consultation with
12 the Commandant of the Coast Guard, to seek to en-
13 hance participation by the Maritime Information
14 Sharing and Analysis Center (an independent, non-
15 profit entity sponsored and managed by the Mari-
16 time Security Council) in the National Cybersecurity
17 and Communications Integration Center, pursuant
18 to section 226(d)(1)(B) of the Homeland Security
19 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 148(d)(1)(B)); and

20 (2) requesting that the National Maritime Se-
21 curity Advisory Committee established under section
22 70112 of title 46, United States Code, report and
23 make recommendations to the Secretary on matters
24 relating to methods to enhance cybersecurity situa-
25 tional awareness and information sharing between
26 and with maritime security stakeholders, including

1 the establishment of a council to facilitate national-
2 level sharing of security information and coordina-
3 tion of strategies to mitigate cybersecurity risks in
4 the maritime sector.

5 **SEC. 3. IMPROVING CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHAR-**
6 **ING AT PORTS.**

7 The Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through
8 the Commandant of the Coast Guard, in coordination with
9 the Under Secretary responsible for overseeing critical in-
10 frastructure protection, cybersecurity, and other related
11 programs of the Department of Homeland Security, shall
12 direct each captain of the port designated under section
13 634 of title 14, United States Code, to establish a working
14 group of members of Area Maritime Security Advisory
15 Committees established under section 70112 of title 46,
16 United States Code, to facilitate the sharing of informa-
17 tion about and development of plans to address port-spe-
18 cific cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

19 **SEC. 4. AREA MARITIME SECURITY PLANS.**

20 The Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through
21 the Commandant of the Coast Guard, shall require that
22 any Area Maritime Security Plan and facility security plan
23 required by section 70103 of title 46, United States Code,
24 that is approved after the date of enactment of this Act
25 address cyber threats and vulnerabilities and include miti-

1 gation measures to prevent, manage, and respond to such
2 threats and vulnerabilities.

3 **SEC. 5. CYBER RISK ASSESSMENT.**

4 The Secretary of Homeland Security shall ensure
5 that any maritime security risk assessment prepared by
6 the Department of Homeland Security after the date of
7 the enactment of this Act shall include cybersecurity risks
8 to ports and the maritime border of the United States.

9 **SEC. 6. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

10 (a) STATUS UPDATES.—The Secretary of Homeland
11 Security shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Se-
12 curity of the House of Representatives and the Committee
13 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
14 Senate—

15 (1) not later than one year after the date of the
16 enactment of this Act and on an annual basis there-
17 after, information on the actions taken pursuant to
18 this Act and their impact and effectiveness at en-
19 hancing cybersecurity situational awareness and in-
20 formation sharing between and with maritime secu-
21 rity stakeholders; and

22 (2) not later than 90 days after receiving rec-
23 ommendations from the National Maritime Security
24 Advisory Committee pursuant to section 2, the advi-

1 sory committee recommendations and any feedback
2 from the Secretary regarding such recommendations.

3 **SEC. 7. MARITIME SECURITY STAKEHOLDERS DEFINED.**

4 In this Act the term “maritime security stake-
5 holders” means appropriate Federal, State, local, and trib-
6 al governments; public safety and emergency response
7 agencies; law enforcement and security organizations;
8 maritime industry participants; port owners and opera-
9 tors; and maritime terminal owners and operators.

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