

In the Senate of the United States,

June 11, 2015.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 615) entitled “An Act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Department of Home-*
3 *land Security Interoperable Communications Act” or the*
4 *“DHS Interoperable Communications Act”.*

5 ***SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.***

6 *In this Act—*

7 *(1) the term “Department” means the Depart-*
8 *ment of Homeland Security;*

1 (2) the term “interoperable communications” has
2 the meaning given that term in section 701(d) of the
3 Homeland Security Act of 2002, as added by section
4 3; and

5 (3) the term “Under Secretary for Management”
6 means the Under Secretary for Management of the
7 Department of Homeland Security.

8 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS**
9 **CAPABILITIES IN RESPONSIBILITIES OF**
10 **UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT.**

11 Section 701 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
12 U.S.C. 341) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a)(4), by inserting before the
14 period at the end the following: “, including policies
15 and directives to achieve and maintain interoperable
16 communications among the components of the Depart-
17 ment”; and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(d) *INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS DEFINED.*—
20 In this section, the term ‘interoperable communications’ has
21 the meaning given that term in section 7303(g) of the Intel-
22 ligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (6
23 U.S.C. 194(g)).”.

1 **SEC. 4. STRATEGY.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 180 days after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary for Man-
4 agement shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Secu-
5 rity of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
6 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate
7 a strategy, which shall be updated as necessary, for achiev-
8 ing and maintaining interoperable communications among
9 the components of the Department, including for daily oper-
10 ations, planned events, and emergencies, with cor-
11 responding milestones, that includes the following:

12 (1) *An assessment of interoperability gaps in*
13 *radio communications among the components of the*
14 *Department, as of the date of enactment of this Act.*

15 (2) *Information on efforts and activities, includ-*
16 *ing current and planned policies, directives, and*
17 *training, of the Department since November 1, 2012*
18 *to achieve and maintain interoperable communica-*
19 *tions among the components of the Department, and*
20 *planned efforts and activities of the Department to*
21 *achieve and maintain such interoperable communica-*
22 *tions.*

23 (3) *An assessment of obstacles and challenges to*
24 *achieving and maintaining interoperable communica-*
25 *tions among the components of the Department.*

1 (4) *Information on, and an assessment of, the*
2 *adequacy of mechanisms available to the Under Sec-*
3 *retary for Management to enforce and compel compli-*
4 *ance with interoperable communications policies and*
5 *directives of the Department.*

6 (5) *Guidance provided to the components of the*
7 *Department to implement interoperable communica-*
8 *tions policies and directives of the Department.*

9 (6) *The total amount of funds expended by the*
10 *Department since November 1, 2012 and projected fu-*
11 *ture expenditures, to achieve interoperable commu-*
12 *nications, including on equipment, infrastructure,*
13 *and maintenance.*

14 (7) *Dates upon which Department-wide inter-*
15 *operability is projected to be achieved for voice, data,*
16 *and video communications, respectively, and interim*
17 *milestones that correspond to the achievement of each*
18 *such mode of communication.*

19 (b) *SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL.—Together with the*
20 *strategy required under subsection (a), the Under Secretary*
21 *for Management shall submit to the Committee on Home-*
22 *land Security of the House of Representatives and the Com-*
23 *mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of*
24 *the Senate information on—*

1 (1) *any intra-agency effort or task force that has*
2 *been delegated certain responsibilities by the Under*
3 *Secretary for Management relating to achieving and*
4 *maintaining interoperable communications among*
5 *the components of the Department by the dates re-*
6 *ferred to in subsection (a)(7); and*

7 (2) *who, within each such component, is respon-*
8 *sible for implementing policies and directives issued*
9 *by the Under Secretary for Management to so achieve*
10 *and maintain such interoperable communications.*

11 **SEC. 5. REPORT.**

12 *Not later than 100 days after the date on which the*
13 *strategy required under section 4(a) is submitted, and every*
14 *2 years thereafter for 6 years, the Under Secretary for Man-*
15 *agement shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Secu-*
16 *rity of the House of Representatives and the Committee on*
17 *Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate*
18 *a report on the status of efforts to implement the strategy*
19 *required under section 4(a), including the following:*

20 (1) *Progress on each interim milestone referred*
21 *to in section 4(a)(7) toward achieving and maintain-*
22 *ing interoperable communications among the compo-*
23 *nents of the Department.*

1 (2) *Information on any policies, directives, guid-*
2 *ance, and training established by the Under Secretary*
3 *for Management.*

4 (3) *An assessment of the level of compliance,*
5 *adoption, and participation among the components of*
6 *the Department with the policies, directives, guidance,*
7 *and training established by the Under Secretary for*
8 *Management to achieve and maintain interoperable*
9 *communications among the components.*

10 (4) *Information on any additional resources or*
11 *authorities needed by the Under Secretary for Man-*
12 *agement.*

13 **SEC. 6. APPLICABILITY.**

14 *Sections 4 and 5 shall only apply with respect to the*
15 *interoperable communications capabilities within the De-*
16 *partment and components of the Department to commu-*
17 *nicate within the Department.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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