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H. R. 4227

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to examine what actions the Department of Homeland Security is undertaking to combat the threat of vehicular terrorism, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Vehicular Terrorism
3 Prevention Act of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. STRATEGY ON VEHICULAR TERRORISM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
7 land Security shall—

8 (1) assess the activities the Department of
9 Homeland Security is undertaking to support emer-
10 gency response providers and the private sector to
11 prevent, mitigate, and respond to the threat of vehic-
12 ular terrorism; and

13 (2) based on such assessment, develop and sub-
14 mit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the
15 House of Representatives and the Committee on
16 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
17 Senate a strategy to improve the Department’s ef-
18 forts to support the efforts of emergency response
19 providers and the private sector to prevent, mitigate,
20 and respond to such threat.

21 (b) CONTENTS.—The strategy required under sub-
22 section (a) shall include the following:

23 (1) An examination of the current threat of ve-
24 hicular terrorism.

25 (2) Methods to improve Department of Home-
26 land Security information sharing activities with

1 emergency response providers and the private sector
2 regarding best practices to prevent, mitigate, and re-
3 spond to the increasing threat of vehicular terrorism.

4 (3) Training activities the Department can pro-
5 vide, including possible exercises, for emergency re-
6 sponse providers to prevent and respond to the
7 threat of vehicular terrorism.

8 (4) Any additional activities the Secretary of
9 Homeland Security recommends to prevent, miti-
10 gate, and respond to the threat of vehicular ter-
11 rorism.

12 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROVIDERS.—The
14 term “emergency response providers” has the mean-
15 ing given such term in section 2(6) of the Homeland
16 Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101(6)).

17 (2) VEHICULAR TERRORISM.—The term “vehic-
18 ular terrorism” means any action that utilizes auto-
19 motive transportation to inflict violence and intimi-
20 dation on individuals for a political purpose.

Passed the House of Representatives March 22,
2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.