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H. R. 4433

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to achieve security of sensitive assets among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Mr. CORREA (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) 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 “Securing Department
5 of Homeland Security Firearms Act of 2017” or the “Se-
6 curing DHS Firearms Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
4 means the Department of Homeland Security.

5 (2) UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT.—
6 The term “Under Secretary for Management”
7 means the Under Secretary for Management of the
8 Department of Homeland Security.

9 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF SECURING FIREARMS AND OTHER**
10 **SENSITIVE ASSETS IN RESPONSIBILITIES OF**
11 **UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT.**

12 Paragraph (6) of section 701(a) of the Homeland Se-
13 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 341(a)) is amended by in-
14 serting “(including firearms and other sensitive assets)”
15 after “equipment”.

16 **SEC. 4. MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE.**

17 (a) SAFEGUARDING FIREARMS AND SENSITIVE AS-
18 SETS DIRECTIVE.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
21 Under Secretary for Management shall disseminate
22 a Department-wide directive for achieving adequate
23 security over firearms and other sensitive assets
24 across the Department.

1 (2) CONTENTS.—The directive required under
2 subsection (a) shall, at a minimum, include the fol-
3 lowing:

4 (A) Descriptions of what equipment, in ad-
5 dition to firearms, is classified as a sensitive
6 asset for the purpose of carrying out this Act.

7 (B) Requirements for securing Depart-
8 ment-issued firearms and other sensitive assets.

9 (C) A classification system for all cat-
10 egories of Department-issued badges and cor-
11 responding requirements for safeguarding such
12 assets.

13 (D) Reporting requirements for lost fire-
14 arms and other sensitive assets, including
15 timelines for such reporting, to supervisors,
16 local law enforcement, the Federal Bureau of
17 Investigation’s National Crime Information
18 Center, and Department headquarters.

19 (E) Recordkeeping requirements for lost
20 firearms and other sensitive assets in inventory
21 systems, including a timeline for recording such
22 losses.

23 (3) REVIEW AND UPDATE OF DIRECTIVE.—Not
24 later than one year after the issuance of the direc-
25 tive required under subsection (a) the Under Sec-

1 retary for Management shall review and update, as
2 necessary, such directive, including adding a require-
3 ment relating to recording in the inventory systems
4 maintained by each component of the Department
5 the acceptance or transfer of a firearm or other sen-
6 sitive asset by such component.

7 (b) PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT
8 PROGRAM MANUAL.—Together with the issuance of the
9 directive pursuant to subsection (a), the Under Secretary
10 for Management shall disseminate a revised version of the
11 Personal Property Asset Management Program Manual
12 that includes the following:

13 (1) Procedures to safeguard sensitive assets
14 during on- and off-duty time, and utilization of safe-
15 ty locking devices and policies on the use of such as-
16 sets, as applicable.

17 (2) Initial, recurrent, and remedial training on
18 safeguarding such assets.

19 (3) Examples, with detail, of how to record lost
20 sensitive assets across components of the Depart-
21 ment, and an enforcement mechanism to ensure su-
22 pervisors maintain such records.

23 (4) A requirement that the file maintained on
24 a lost firearm or other sensitive asset contains both
25 the corresponding police report and the Department

1 report detailing the circumstances surrounding such
2 loss, including information on adherence to safe-
3 guarding procedures.

4 **SEC. 5. COMPONENT RESPONSIBILITIES.**

5 Department component heads shall—

6 (1) comply with Federal law, Federal regula-
7 tions, executive branch guidance, and Department
8 policy, including directives required by this Act, re-
9 lating to the management and oversight of securing
10 firearms and other sensitive assets;

11 (2) review the need for non-law enforcement
12 badges;

13 (3) require component personnel to safeguard
14 firearms and other sensitive assets in accordance
15 with the directive issued by the Under Secretary for
16 Management under section 4;

17 (4) require that component personnel adhere to
18 the procedures and timelines for properly reporting
19 to supervisors lost firearms and other sensitive as-
20 sets;

21 (5) require that lost firearms and other sen-
22 sitive assets are reported to local law enforcement,
23 the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National
24 Crime Information Center, and Department head-

1 quarters in the timeframe established in such direc-
2 tive; and

3 (6) require that lost firearms and other sen-
4 sitive assets are recorded in inventory systems in the
5 timeframe established by such directive.

6 **SEC. 6. INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW.**

7 The Inspector General of the Department of Home-
8 land Security shall, on an ongoing basis, review implemen-
9 tation of this Act and, not later than 180 days after
10 issuance of the directive under section 4, submit to the
11 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
13 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a review of the
14 progress and effectiveness of such directive, including an
15 assessment of the adequacy of such directive, as well as
16 the level of compliance among the components of the De-
17 partment to achieve adequate security of sensitive assets
18 across Department components.

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