

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4627

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize expenditures to combat emerging terrorist threats, including vehicular attacks, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 2017

Mr. DONOVAN (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. McCAUL, and Mr. KING of New York) 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 “Shielding Public
5 Spaces from Vehicular Terrorism Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

7 The Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (11) of section 302 (6 U.S.C.
9 182), by inserting “research and development to

1 combat emerging terrorist threats, such as vehicular
2 attacks, and” before “the long-term”; and

3 (2) in subparagraph (B) of section 308(b)(2) (6
4 U.S.C. 188(b)(2))—

5 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
6 striking “expertise in—” and inserting “exper-
7 tise in the following:”;

8 (B) by redesignating clause (xiv) as clause
9 (xv); and

10 (C) by inserting after clause (xiii) the fol-
11 lowing new clause:

12 “(xiv) Combatting emerging terrorist
13 threats, including vehicular attacks.”.

14 **SEC. 3. ALLOWABLE USES.**

15 Section 2008 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
16 (6 U.S.C. 609) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)—

18 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (11)
19 through (13) as (12) through (14), respectively;
20 and

21 (B) by inserting after paragraph (10) the
22 following new paragraph:

23 “(11) addressing security vulnerabilities of pub-
24 lic spaces, including through the installation of
25 bollards and other target hardening activities;” and

- 1 (2) in subparagraph (B) of subsection (b)(3),
- 2 by striking “(a)(10)” and inserting “(a)(12)”.

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