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To require the Department of State to establish a policy regarding the use of location-tracking consumer devices by employees at diplomatic and consular facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2018

Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Protecting Diplomats
5 from Surveillance Through Consumer Devices Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SECURE UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC AND CON-**
2 **SULAR FACILITIES AGAINST CYBERSURVEIL-**
3 **LANCE.**

4 (a) **POLICY ON LOCATION-TRACKING CONSUMER DE-**
5 **VICES.**—Not later than 60 days after the date of the en-
6 actment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall establish
7 a policy on the use of location-tracking consumer devices,
8 including GPS-enabled devices, at United States diplo-
9 matic and consular facilities by United States Government
10 employees, contractors, locally employed staff and mem-
11 bers of other agencies deployed to or stationed at such
12 facilities.

13 (b) **SECURITY BRIEFING.**—Existing and new employ-
14 ees at United States diplomatic and consular facilities, in-
15 cluding contractors, locally employed staff, and members
16 of other agencies deployed to or stationed at such facili-
17 ties, shall, as a part of the security briefings provided to
18 such employees, be informed of the policy described in sub-
19 section (a) and given instructions on the use of location-
20 tracking consumer devices both on and off the premises
21 of such facilities.

22 (c) **COORDINATION.**—The Secretary of State may co-
23 ordinate with the heads of any other agencies whose em-
24 ployees are deployed to or stationed at United States dip-
25 lomatic and consular facilities in the formulation of the

1 policy described in subsection (a) and the dissemination
2 of such policy pursuant to subsection (b).

3 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the for-
4 mulation of the policy described in subsection (a), the Sec-
5 retary of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign
6 Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Com-
7 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report on the
8 details of such policy.

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