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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security an Unmanned Aircraft Systems Coordinator, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2018

Mr. PERRY (for himself and Mr. McCAUL) 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 “DHS Countering Un-
5 manned Aircraft Systems Coordinator Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS COUNTER-**
2 **MEASURES COORDINATOR.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Homeland Secu-
4 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) is amended by
5 adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 321. COUNTERING UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS**
7 **COORDINATOR.**

8 “(a) COORDINATOR.—The Secretary shall designate
9 an official of the Department as the Countering Un-
10 manned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Coordinator (in this sec-
11 tion referred to as the ‘Coordinator’) to coordinate with
12 relevant Department offices and components on the devel-
13 opment of policies and plans to counter threats associated
14 with UAS, including—

15 “(1) countering UAS that may be used in a ter-
16 rorist attack;

17 “(2) promoting research and development of
18 counter UAS technologies;

19 “(3) ensuring the dissemination of information
20 and guidance related to countering UAS threats;

21 “(4) serving as the Department point of contact
22 for Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement
23 entities and the private sector regarding the Depart-
24 ment’s activities related to countering UAS; and

25 “(5) carrying out other related UAS activities,
26 as directed by the Secretary.

1 “(b) COORDINATION WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL
2 LAWS.—The Coordinator shall, in addition to other as-
3 signed duties, coordinate with relevant Department com-
4 ponents and offices to ensure testing, evaluation, or de-
5 ployment of a system used to identify, assess, or defeat
6 a UAS is carried out in accordance with applicable Fed-
7 eral laws.

8 “(c) COORDINATION WITH PRIVATE SECTOR.—The
9 Coordinator shall, working with the Office of Partnership
10 and Engagement and other relevant Department offices
11 and components, or other Federal agencies, as appro-
12 priate, serve as the principal Department official respon-
13 sible for disseminating to the private sector information
14 regarding counter UAS technology, particularly informa-
15 tion regarding instances in which counter UAS technology
16 may impact lawful private sector services or systems.”.

17 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
18 The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Homeland Se-
19 curity Act of 2002 is amended by striking the items relat-
20 ing to sections 317, 319, 318, and 319 and inserting the
21 following new items:

“Sec. 317. Promoting antiterrorism through international cooperation program.

“Sec. 318. Social media working group.

“Sec. 319. Transparency in research and development.

“Sec. 320. EMP and GMD mitigation research and development.

“Sec. 321. Countering Unmanned Aircraft Systems Coordinator.”.

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