

Union Calendar No. 748

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6620

[Report No. 115–960, Part I]

To require the Department of Homeland Security to prepare a threat assessment relating to unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2018

Mr. RICHMOND (for himself and Mr. RATCLIFFE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

Reported from the Committee on Homeland Security

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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 Critical In-
5 frastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DRONE AND EMERGING THREAT ASSESSMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary for
9 Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland
10 Security shall—

11 (1) in consultation with other relevant officials
12 of the Department, request additional information
13 from other agencies of the Federal Government,
14 State and local government agencies, and the private
15 sector relating to threats of unmanned aircraft sys-
16 tems and other emerging threats associated with
17 such new technologies;

18 (2) in consultation with relevant officials of the
19 Department and other appropriate agencies of the
20 Federal Government, develop and disseminate a se-
21 curity threat assessment regarding unmanned air-
22 craft systems and other emerging threats associated
23 with such new technologies; and

24 (3) establish and utilize, in conjunction with the
25 Chief Information Officer of the Department and

1 other relevant entities, a secure communications and
2 information technology infrastructure, including
3 data-mining and other advanced analytical tools, in
4 order to access, receive, and analyze data and infor-
5 mation in furtherance of the responsibilities under
6 this section, including by establishing a voluntary
7 mechanism whereby critical infrastructure owners
8 and operators may report information on emerging
9 threats, such as the threat posed by unmanned air-
10 craft systems.

11 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
12 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary for In-
13 telligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland
14 Security shall prepare a threat assessment and report to
15 the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
16 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
17 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate on the threat
18 posed by unmanned aircraft systems, including informa-
19 tion collected from critical infrastructure owners and oper-
20 ators and Federal, State, and local government agencies.

21 (c) DEFINITIONS.—

22 (1) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
23 “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given such
24 term in section 1016(e) of Public Law 107–56 (42
25 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

1 (2) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM.—The term
2 “unmanned aircraft system” has the meaning given
3 such term in section 331 of the FAA Modernization
4 and Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note;
5 Public Law 112–95).

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