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Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a collective response to a terrorism exercise that includes the management of cascading effects on critical infrastructure during times of extreme cold weather, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Weatherizing Infra-
3 structure in the North and Terrorism Emergency Readiness
4 Act of 2019”.

5 **SEC. 2. EXERCISE ON TERRORIST ATTACK DURING EXTREME COLD.**
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7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to, or as part of exercise
8 programs currently carried out by the Department of
9 Homeland Security, to enhance domestic preparedness for
10 terrorism, promote the dissemination of homeland security
11 information, and test the homeland security posture of the
12 United States, the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting
13 through appropriate offices and components of the Department,
14 shall develop and conduct a collective response
15 to terrorism exercise that includes management of cascading
16 effects on critical infrastructure (as such term is
17 defined in section 1016(e) of Public Law 107–56 (42
18 U.S.C. 5195c(e))), such as an extreme cold weather event
19 caused by a polar vortex.

20 (b) EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS.—The exercise required
21 under subsection (a) shall include a scenario involving
22 the following:

23 (1) An extreme cold weather event, such as an
24 event caused by a polar vortex, with respect to access
25 to critical services.

1 (2) Any cascading effects on critical infrastruc-
2 ture.

3 (3) How the effects of a successful terrorist at-
4 tack against critical infrastructure could be miti-
5 gated by emergency managers, State officials, and
6 appropriate private sector and community stake-
7 holders.

8 (4) How the resilience of communities that
9 could be impacted by such an attack could be bol-
10 stered.

11 (5) Coordination with appropriate Federal de-
12 partments and agencies, and State, local, Tribal,
13 and territorial agencies.

14 (6) Coordination with appropriate private sector
15 and community stakeholders.

16 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the com-
17 pletion of the exercise required under subsection (a), the
18 Secretary of Homeland Security shall, consistent with the
19 protection of classified information, submit to the Com-
20 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
21 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
22 ernmental Affairs of the Senate an after-action report pre-
23 senting the initial findings of such exercise, any immediate
24 and longer-term plans for incorporating lessons learned
25 into future operations of the Department of Homeland Se-

- 1 curity, and any proposed legislative changes informed by
- 2 such exercise.

Passed the House of Representatives December 9,
2019.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.