

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 542

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## AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, 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 “Supporting Research  
3 and Development for First Responders Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**  
5 **ORATORY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Homeland Secu-  
7 rity Act of 2002 is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8 lowing new section:

9 **“SEC. 321. NATIONAL URBAN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY LAB-**  
10 **ORATORY.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through  
12 the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, shall  
13 designate the laboratory described in subsection (b) as an  
14 additional laboratory pursuant to the authority under sec-  
15 tion 308(c)(2). Such laboratory shall be used to test and  
16 evaluate emerging technologies and conduct research and  
17 development to assist emergency response providers in  
18 preparing for, and protecting against, threats of terrorism.

19 “(b) LABORATORY DESCRIBED.—The laboratory de-  
20 scribed in this subsection is the laboratory—

21 “(1) known, as of the date of the enactment of  
22 this section, as the National Urban Security Tech-  
23 nology Laboratory;

24 “(2) previously known as the Environmental  
25 Measurements Laboratory; and

1           “(3) transferred to the Department pursuant to  
2           section 303(1)(E).

3           “(c) LABORATORY ACTIVITIES.—The laboratory des-  
4           ignated pursuant to subsection (a), shall—

5           “(1) conduct tests, evaluations, and assess-  
6           ments of current and emerging technologies, includ-  
7           ing, as appropriate, cybersecurity of such tech-  
8           nologies that can connect to the internet, for emer-  
9           gency response providers;

10           “(2) conduct research and development on radi-  
11           ological and nuclear response and recovery;

12           “(3) act as a technical advisor to emergency re-  
13           sponse providers; and

14           “(4) carry out other such activities as the Sec-  
15           retary determines appropriate.”.

16           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
17           in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after  
18           the item relating to section 320 the following new item:

“321. National Urban Security Technology Laboratory.”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 10, 2019.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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