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To develop a modernized strategy for ensuring the defense of the United States from the anthrax threat, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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 American
5 Families and Servicemembers from Anthrax Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEVELOPING A MODERNIZED STRATEGY FOR EN-**
2 **SURING THE DEFENSE OF THE UNITED**
3 **STATES FROM THE ANTHRAX THREAT.**

4 (a) MODERNIZED STRATEGY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the covered
7 Secretaries shall develop a modernized 10-year strat-
8 egy for ensuring sustained stockpiling of anthrax
9 countermeasures, including the replenishment, con-
10 sistent with requirement levels, of such anthrax
11 countermeasures stockpiled—

12 (A) in the Strategic National Stockpile
13 under section 319F–2(a) of the Public Health
14 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6b(a)); or

15 (B) by the Secretary of Defense, including
16 such anthrax countermeasures stockpiled in
17 protection and treatment of civilians,
18 servicemembers, and dependents on military in-
19 stallations.

20 (2) COOPERATION AND SUSTAINABILITY.—The
21 strategy described in paragraph (1) shall ensure in-
22 novative cooperation with, and sustainability of,
23 manufacturers of anthrax countermeasures.

24 (b) REPORTING.—

25 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
26 after the date of enactment of this Act, the covered

1 Secretaries shall submit to the appropriate congres-
2 sional committees a report on—

3 (A) the threat, to the people and military
4 installations of the United States, of
5 weaponized anthrax from foreign countries, for-
6 eign terrorist organizations (as designated by
7 the Secretary of State in accordance with sec-
8 tion 219(a) of the Immigration and Nationality
9 Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a))), and other threat
10 streams;

11 (B) programs and activities of the Federal
12 Government (other than programs and activities
13 under the Public Health Emergency Medical
14 Countermeasure Enterprise, such as multi-year
15 budgets, research and development investments,
16 and countermeasure procurements) that ad-
17 dress the modernized strategy under subsection
18 (a)(1), including such programs and activities
19 that address multidrug-resistant strains; and

20 (C) initiatives of the Federal Government
21 to ensure adequate availability of anthrax coun-
22 termeasures for treatment of military depend-
23 ents on United States military installations in
24 foreign countries.

1 (2) INCLUSION OF MODERNIZED STRATEGY.—

2 The report under paragraph (1) shall include the
3 modernized strategy under subsection (a)(1).

4 (3) ANNUAL UPDATES.—Following the submis-
5 sion of the report under paragraph (1), the covered
6 Secretaries shall, on an annual basis, submit to the
7 appropriate congressional committees an update to
8 such report.

9 (4) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1)
10 and the updates under paragraph (3) shall be sub-
11 mitted in classified form but may include an unclas-
12 sified annex.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) ANTHRAX COUNTERMEASURE.—The term
15 “anthrax countermeasure”—

16 (A) means a drug, device, or biological
17 product intended to counter the effects of an-
18 thrax that is approved, cleared, classified, li-
19 censed, or otherwise authorized by the Food
20 and Drug Administration; and

21 (B) includes an antitoxin and a prophy-
22 lactic.

23 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
24 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
25 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Appropriations of
2 the House of Representatives;

3 (B) the Committee on Appropriations of
4 the Senate;

5 (C) the Committee on Armed Services of
6 the House of Representatives;

7 (D) the Committee on Armed Services of
8 the Senate;

9 (E) the Committee on Energy and Com-
10 merce of the House of Representatives; and

11 (F) the Committee on Health, Education,
12 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

13 (3) COVERED SECRETARIES.—The term “cov-
14 ered Secretaries” means the Secretary of Health and
15 Human Services, acting through the Assistant Sec-
16 retary for Preparedness and Response, and the Sec-
17 retary of Defense, acting through the Assistant Sec-
18 retary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Bio-
19 logical Defense Programs, acting jointly, in consulta-
20 tion with the members of the Public Health Emer-
21 gency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise estab-
22 lished under section 2811–1 of the Public Health
23 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–10a).

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