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# H. R. 6357

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to assess and make recommendations related to disaster medical assistance teams, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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. GAO STUDY AND REPORT ON DISASTER MED-**  
4 **ICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS.**

5 (a) STUDY AND REPORT.—

6 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the  
7 United States shall conduct a study on the mission  
8 readiness of disaster medical assistance teams with

1 respect to current and emerging natural and man-  
2 made threats.

3 (2) COMPONENTS.—The study conducted pur-  
4 suant to paragraph (1) shall include an assessment,  
5 in relation to disaster medical assistance teams, of—

6 (A) whether the mission readiness of such  
7 teams, and the needs relating to such readiness,  
8 have changed over time;

9 (B) the standards the Assistant Secretary  
10 for Preparedness and Response of the Depart-  
11 ment of Health and Human Services uses to de-  
12 termine—

13 (i) the training needs of such teams;

14 and

15 (ii) whether such teams are mission  
16 ready;

17 (C) how to improve the determinations de-  
18 scribed in subparagraph (B);

19 (D) the extent to which the provision of  
20 additional resources (including personnel, train-  
21 ing, and equipment) has addressed mission  
22 readiness concerns; and

23 (E) the extent to which the Assistant Sec-  
24 retary has developed plans to address mission  
25 readiness issues.

1           (3) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the  
2           date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller Gen-  
3           eral shall submit to the Committee on Energy and  
4           Commerce of the House of Representatives and the  
5           Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-  
6           sions of the Senate a report containing—

7                   (A) the findings of the study conducted  
8                   pursuant to paragraph (1); and

9                   (B) related recommendations.

10          (b) DISASTER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM DE-  
11          FINED.—In this section, the term “disaster medical assist-  
12          ance team” means a disaster medical assistance team op-  
13          erating pursuant to the National Disaster Medical System  
14          established under section 2812 of the Public Health Serv-  
15          ice Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–11).

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