115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 655

AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Securing the Cities program to enhance the ability of the United States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other high consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radiological materials that pose a high risk to homeland security in high-risk urban areas, 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 "Securing the Cities
- 3 Act of 2017".
- 4 SEC. 2. SECURING THE CITIES PROGRAM.
- 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title XIX of the Homeland Secu-
- 6 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 591 et seq.) is amended by
- 7 adding at the end the following new section:
- 8 "SEC. 1908. SECURING THE CITIES PROGRAM.
- 9 "(a) Establishment.—The Director for Domestic
- 10 Nuclear Detection shall establish the 'Securing the Cities'
- 11 ('STC') program to enhance the ability of the United
- 12 States to detect and prevent terrorist attacks and other
- 13 high consequence events utilizing nuclear or other radio-
- 14 logical materials that pose a high risk to homeland secu-
- 15 rity in high-risk urban areas. Through the STC program
- 16 the Director shall—
- 17 "(1) assist State, local, tribal, and territorial
- governments in designing and implementing, or en-
- hancing existing, architectures for coordinated and
- integrated detection and interdiction of nuclear or
- other radiological materials that are out of regu-
- 22 latory control;
- 23 "(2) support the development of a region-wide
- operating capability to detect and report on nuclear
- and other radioactive materials out of regulatory
- 26 control;

- 1 "(3) provide resources to enhance detection, 2 analysis, communication, and coordination to better 3 integrate State, local, tribal, and territorial assets 4 into Federal operations;
 - "(4) facilitate alarm adjudication and provide subject matter expertise and technical assistance on concepts of operations, training, exercises, and alarm response protocols;
 - "(5) communicate with, and promote sharing of information about the presence or detection of nuclear or other radiological materials among appropriate Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial governments, in a manner that ensures transparency with the jurisdictions served by such program;
 - "(6) provide augmenting resources, as appropriate, enabling State, local, tribal, and territorial governments to sustain and refresh their capabilities developed under the STC program; and
- 19 "(7) provide any other assistance the Director 20 determines appropriate.
- "(b) DESIGNATION OF JURISDICTIONS.—In carrying out the program under subsection (a), the Director shall designate jurisdictions from among high-risk urban areas under section 2003, and other cities and regions, as appropriate.

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- 1 "(c) Congressional Notification.—The Director
- 2 shall notify the Committee on Homeland Security and the
- 3 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
- 4 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
- 5 ernmental Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations
- 6 of the Senate not later than three days before the designa-
- 7 tion of new jurisdictions under subsection (b) or other
- 8 changes to participating jurisdictions.".
- 9 (b) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
- 10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
- 11 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on
- 12 Homeland Security and the Committee on Appropriations
- 13 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
- 14 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the
- 15 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate an assess-
- 16 ment, including an evaluation of the effectiveness, of the
- 17 Securing the Cities program under section 1908 of the
- 18 Homeland Security Act of 2002, as added by subsection
- 19 (a) of this section.
- 20 (c) Clerical Amendment.—The table of contents
- 21 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
- 22 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
- 23 1907 the following new item:

[&]quot;Sec. 1908. Securing the Cities program.".

1 SEC. 3. MODEL EXERCISES.

- 2 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-
- 3 ment of this Act, the Director for Domestic Nuclear De-
- 4 tection of the Department of Homeland Security shall re-
- 5 port to the Committee on Homeland Security and the
- 6 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
- 7 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
- 8 ernmental Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations
- 9 of the Senate on the feasibility of the Director developing
- 10 model exercises to test the preparedness of jurisdictions
- 11 participating in the Securing the Cities program under
- 12 section 1908 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (as
- 13 added by section 2 of this Act) in meeting the challenges
- 14 that may be posed by a range of nuclear and radiological
- 15 threats.

16 SEC. 4. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.

- 17 No additional funds are authorized to carry out the
- 18 requirements of this Act and the amendments made by
- 19 this Act. Such requirements shall be carried out using
- 20 amounts otherwise authorized.

Passed the House of Representatives January 31, 2017.

Attest:

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