

113TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1535

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a study and report to Congress on gaps in port security in the United States and a plan to address them.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2013

Ms. HAHN (for herself and Mr. POE of Texas) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Gauging American  
5 Port Security Act” or the “GAPS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY, REPORT, AND PLAN TO ADDRESS GAPS IN**  
2 **PORT SECURITY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
4 date of enactment of this Act the Inspector General of  
5 the Department of Homeland Security shall—

6 (1) conduct a study of, and submit to the Con-  
7 gress a report on, remaining gaps in port security in  
8 the United States; and

9 (2) include in such report a prioritization of  
10 such gaps and a plan for addressing them.

11 (b) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)  
12 shall be submitted in classified form but shall contain an  
13 unclassified annex.

14 **SEC. 3. INFORMATION SHARING.**

15 The Secretary of Homeland Security shall, in accord-  
16 ance with rules for the handling of classified information,  
17 share, as appropriate, with designated points of contact  
18 from Federal agencies and State, local, or tribal govern-  
19 ments, and port system owners and operators, relevant in-  
20 formation regarding remaining gaps in port security of the  
21 United States, prioritization of such gaps, and a plan for  
22 addressing such gaps. In the event that a designated point  
23 of contact does not have the necessary security clearance  
24 to receive such information, the Secretary shall help expe-  
25 dite the clearance process, as appropriate.