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H. R. 6740

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish Border Tunnel Task Forces, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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Border Tunnel Task Forces, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Border Tunnel Task
5 Force Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. BORDER TUNNEL DETECTION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title IV of the
8 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 211 et seq.)
9 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 420. BORDER TUNNEL TASK FORCES.**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
3 lish Border Tunnel Task Forces in jurisdictions in which
4 such Border Tunnel Task Forces can contribute to border
5 security missions after evaluating—

6 “(1) whether the areas in which such Border
7 Tunnel Task Forces would be established are signifi-
8 cantly impacted by cross-border threats; and

9 “(2) the availability of Federal, State, local,
10 and Tribal law enforcement resources to participate
11 in such Border Tunnel Task Forces.

12 “(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Border Tunnel
13 Task Forces under subsection (a) is to enhance and inte-
14 grate border security efforts by addressing and reducing
15 cross-border tunnel related threats and violence by—

16 “(1) facilitating collaboration among Federal,
17 State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies to
18 execute coordinated activities in furtherance of bor-
19 der security and homeland security; and

20 “(2) enhancing information-sharing, including
21 the dissemination of homeland security information,
22 among such agencies.

23 “(c) COMPOSITION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF BOR-
24 DER TUNNEL TASK FORCES.—Border Tunnel Task
25 Forces may be comprised of the following:

1 “(1) Personnel from U.S. Customs and Border
2 Protection, including the U.S. Border Patrol.

3 “(2) Personnel from U.S. Immigration and
4 Customs Enforcement, including Homeland Security
5 Investigations.

6 “(3) Personnel from other Department compo-
7 nents and offices, as appropriate.

8 “(4) Personnel from other Federal, State, local,
9 and Tribal law enforcement agencies, as appropriate.

10 “(5) Other appropriate personnel at the discre-
11 tion of the Secretary.

12 “(d) DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS.—In determining
13 whether to establish a new Border Tunnel Task Force or
14 to expand an existing Border Tunnel Task Force in a
15 given jurisdiction, the Secretary shall ensure that the Bor-
16 der Tunnel Task Force under consideration does not du-
17 plicate the efforts of other existing interagency task forces
18 or centers within such jurisdiction.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
20 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
21 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
22 419 the following new item:

“Sec. 420. Border Tunnel Task Forces.”.

