

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2301

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide for the installation of chemical and biological detection devices in the enclosed passenger boarding stations of each heavy rail transit system in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 3, 2003

Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Commuter Safety Act
5 of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Subway systems in the United States are
2 not adequately protected from the possibility of
3 chemical or biological attacks.

4 (2) Millions of United States citizens use these
5 subway systems every day to commute to work or
6 otherwise navigate throughout the Nation's cities.

7 (3) The United States Government is respon-
8 sible for ensuring that its citizens are protected from
9 the threat of terrorism.

10 **SEC. 3. INSTALLATION OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DE-**
11 **TECTION DEVICES IN SUBWAY STATIONS.**

12 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
13 of Homeland Security shall establish a program to provide
14 for the installation of chemical and biological detection de-
15 vices in the enclosed passenger boarding stations of each
16 heavy rail transit system in the United States, including
17 each station constructed after the date of enactment of
18 this Act.

19 (b) GRANTS.—In carrying out the program, the Sec-
20 retary may make grants to owners and operators of heavy
21 rail transit systems for the installation of chemical and
22 biological detection devices under the program.

23 (c) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost
24 of activities carried out under the program shall be 70
25 percent.

1 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
2 nitions apply:

3 (1) ENCLOSED PASSENGER BOARDING STA-
4 TION.—The term “enclosed passenger boarding sta-
5 tion” means any passenger boarding station that is
6 located underground or above ground in an enclosed
7 facility.

8 (2) HEAVY RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.—The term
9 “heavy rail transit system” means a transit system
10 that operates high-speed, passenger rail cars singly
11 or in trains of 2 or more cars on fixed rails in sepa-
12 rate rights-of-way from which all other vehicular and
13 foot traffic are excluded.

14 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
15 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
16 necessary to carry out this section.

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