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H. R. 3367

To provide for additional responsibilities for the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Homeland Security relating to geospatial information.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESSIONS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Science, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION.**

4 (a) **DEFINED TERM.**—In this Act, the term
5 “geospatial information” means collecting, storing, re-
6 trieving, or disseminating graphical or digital data depict-
7 ing natural or manmade physical features, phenomena or
8 boundaries of the earth and any information related there-

1 to, including surveys, maps, charts, remote sensing data
2 and images and aerial photographic services, with services
3 performed by professionals such as surveyors,
4 photogrammetrists, hydrographers, geodesists, cartog-
5 raphers, and other such services of an architectural or en-
6 gineering nature.

7 (b) COORDINATION OF GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION.—
8 The Chief Information Officer of the Department of
9 Homeland Security shall establish and carry out a pro-
10 gram to provide for the efficient use of geospatial informa-
11 tion, which shall include—

12 (1) providing such geospatial information as
13 may be necessary to implement the critical infra-
14 structure protection programs designated pursuant
15 to section 213 of the Homeland Security Act of
16 2002 (Public Law 107–296); and

17 (2) providing leadership in meeting the require-
18 ments of, and populate the databases used by, those
19 responsible for planning, prevention, mitigation, as-
20 sessment and response to emergencies, critical infra-
21 structure and other functions of the Department of
22 Homeland Security, and to assure the interoper-
23 ability of, and prevent unnecessary duplication of,
24 geospatial information among all users.

1 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In carrying out subsection
2 (b), the responsibilities of the Chief Information Officer
3 shall include—

4 (1) managing the geospatial information needs
5 and activities of the Department of Homeland Secu-
6 rity;

7 (2) establishing such standards as are necessary
8 to assure the interoperability of geospatial informa-
9 tion pertaining to homeland security among all users
10 of such information within—

11 (A) the Department of Homeland Security;

12 (B) other agencies;

13 (C) State and local government; and

14 (D) the private sector;

15 (3) coordinating with and providing liaison to
16 the Federal Geographic Data Committee and car-
17 rying out the responsibilities of the Department of
18 Homeland Security pursuant to Office of Manage-
19 ment and Budget Circular A-16 and Executive
20 Order 12906;

21 (4) providing grants—

22 (A) to fund the creation of data; and

23 (B) to execute information sharing agree-
24 ments with State, local, and tribal governments;
25 and

1 (5) to the maximum extent possible, ensuring
2 that the Department of Homeland Security utilizes
3 commercial geospatial data and services available by
4 awarding contracts to entities in the private sector.

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